



UKS2 (Year 5 and 6) Spring Term Curriculum Overview



LARKS HILL
JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Welcome to the Spring Term. We very much hope that our children have been able to enjoy a wonderfully restful winter break and that they are raring to go as they commence another term. This curriculum overview contains information about what you and, more importantly, your child should expect in Year 5 and 6 for this term. This term we have a new book: *Goodnight, Mr Tom*. This is the story of young boy named Willie, and his journey as an evacuee in World War II.

Reading, Writing, Maths and Science

We are starting the new term with a brand-new text, 'Goodnight, Mr Tom', which our curriculum will be centred around. In our writing lessons, we will be focusing on developing our spelling and grammar skills through genre writing. We will begin by writing a balanced argument before moving onto writing a letter; all based around the themes and characters of 'Goodnight, Mr Tom'. In Maths lessons, Year 5 will be building upon their multiplication, division and fractions, whilst Year 6 will be working on all their skills in preparation for SATS with a focus on new learning around ratio and algebra. In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats, looking into how taxonomists classify animals and what it means to work in that field of science.



PE

Class 5 will have Outdoor PE on a Monday and Swimming on a Thursday. The children should bring their PE uniform on their classes PE day and their swimming kit on their swimming day.

Class 6 will have Indoor PE on a Wednesday and Outdoor PE on a Thursday. The children should bring their PE uniform on their classes PE day.

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named. If the weather is fine, PE may be outdoor on both days.

Homework

Spellings will be given at the start of the half-term with weekly tests on a Friday. Times tables should be practised using TTRockStars for at least 5 minutes, 3 times per week.

It is expected that children will read every day. Reading books will be checked and changed as necessary. Please remember to sign your child's reading record whenever you have listened to them read or discussed what they have read.

Other homework will be given as necessary to support in class learning. Homework is not intended to be onerous, so please let me know should there be difficulty in completing the given tasks.

How can I help my child?

You can help your child by supporting and encouraging them to complete their homework in a timely manner and to a high quality, in order to help them make progress and improve their scores each week.



Other Subjects

In Geography, we will be developing our knowledge of globalisation where we will learn about trade and trade agreements. In History, our topic this term directly relates to 'Goodnight, Mr Tom' as we learn all about WW2, what caused it and the impact it had on Britain but also the rest of the world. We will be using the term to have our first curriculum-based school trip which will help us learn more about this topic. Our Reading for Productivity sessions allow the children to explore other areas of the curriculum such as Music, Art, DT and PSHE, which encourages class discussions around these topics.

Our School Website

www.larkshill.patrust.org.uk

Brain Buster

If the outcome of WW2 had been different, how might that have impacted our lives today?

Mrs Penty, Mr Reynolds, Mrs Smith, Mrs Turner