Great Whelnetham Church of England Primary School





Larks Newsletter

Welcome to a back, we hope you have had a lovely break over half term.

We will be carrying on our topic of 'What do I need to be me?'. In this topic we will be focussing on how our bodies work, our families and leading a healthy lifestyle. Science will play a large role throughout this topic of learning as the children will be learning how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

As last half term we concentrated on different animal groups, this half term we will have the opportunity to make fruit smoothies and vegetable kebabs, as well as looking at human body parts.

We will be having Andy for PE on Friday afternoons. The children will be able to come into school in their 'Fit Friday' clothes, so they can come into school wearing their PE kits. Our second PE day will be on a Tuesday afternoon. It is a requirement that long hair is tied back, and no earrings are worn. This half terms PE will be dance.

The children will be given small pieces of homework on a Friday, and this needs to be returned by the following Thursday. All completed homework will receive a team point! In addition to this, the children will be getting spellings each week. The spellings will be linked to the phonic sound we are learning in class during the week. Please encourage your child to learn these spellings each week as this will be a key part to developing their writing skills further. Alongside their phonic spellings, your child will be given a tricky word of the week. They need to be able to recognise and read this word as well as trying to spell it. They are tricky words as they cannot be spelt using their phonics knowledge, so please work with your child to learn these.

Larks 'reading race' will continue to take place to promote reading frequently at home and developing an understanding of the books. Each time your child shows they have read at home they are able to move their name along our race track. Once they have reached the end they will get a prize! We allow your child the opportunity to move their car up each time it is written in their reading records that they have read at home. This has been introduced to try and motivate and encourage your child to read at home and adds some fun to the process!

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school at all times. Alongside named wellies and coat. It is important your child has a coat in school at all times as they will still have access to the outdoor area when it is cold and raining!

A carbohydrate snack will still be provided at morning break times. This has proved popular with the children and helps them maintain energy levels until lunch time. We would please ask for a contribution of £2 each half term to put towards this.

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I am aware some of you are concerned about your child walking outside with no coats on to access different areas of the school. As the weather starts getting colder and wetter, the children will be able to keep their coats in the classroom and will therefore be able to wear their coats when going to the toilets or school hall. Throughout the last half term Larks have shown great maturity by walking sensibly around the school and we are all very proud of them.

Reception and KS1 will soon start rehearsing for our Christmas nativity play! Details of this will be sent to you at a later date.

If you have any worries or questions, please feel free to pop in and ask us. We will always be happy to help.

Thank you for your support, Miss Holloway, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Barbrooke.