

Larks Class Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year and into Key Stage 1! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are excited for the term ahead.

The first topic of the year is titled '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 looking at animal types as well as animal life cycles.

The children will have opportunities to search for different animals within the school, to design, create and eat fruit smoothies and kebabs as well as describing different animal characteristics.

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. To try to promote the children's independence now they are in Year 1, please could we ask children to come into school in their school uniform and they will get changed for PE in school. It is a requirement that long hair is tied back, and no earrings are worn. Whilst the weather is still nice, PE sessions will take place outside, so please ensure your child has suitable trainers.

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.

We will be having a 'reading race' in Larks to promote the children 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!

Attached to this newsletter are reading comprehension questions that will develop their understanding of what they have read. Please ask relevant questions (only one or two each reading session) to help develop this understanding further.

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!

Once your child has turned 5 they are no longer eligible for free milk. However, if you would still like your child to have milk, please ring Cool Milk on 0844 854 2913.

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 break time. We would please ask for a contribution of £2 each half term to put towards this.

A Show and Tell rota will be put up on the door shortly. A reminder will also be put inside your child's reading record.

If you have any worries or questions, please feel free to pop in and ask us. We will always be happy to help. Otherwise please feel free to send me an email if necessary ch.gtwhelethamschool@gmail.com.

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