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Dear Parents/Carers,



Larks Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2022



We are excited to welcome our new children to our Great Whelnetham family and wish a warm welcome back to our Year 1 parents. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. All the children have had a super start to the first term for this academic year. Please find below some information about this term.

Curriculum Learning

Please find below information about our learning this half term:

In English we will be reading fiction stories about families written by Anthony Browne and Nick Sharratt. The Year 1 children will be learning how to write punctuated sentences leading to a short narrative.

In Maths we will be focussing on place value to 10 and addition and subtraction within 10, using a mastery approach. We will practice our counting skills to 100.

For the first three weeks we will be having 3 history lessons weekly. The children will understand the meaning of the past by comparing how they have changed since being a baby. We will compare and contrast parents and grandparents' childhoods' to children today.

In Science we are investigating 'The Human Animal' with a focus on our body parts and understanding our senses and how we use them.

Homework

READING: Pupils need to be reading at home every day. This will help your child to practice their reading skills and improve their understanding of the books they read. Please do record when they have read in their reading diary making any relevant comments.

Yr1 SPELLINGS: On Mondays, spellings are sent home in your child's reading diary and they will be tested the following Monday. Please help your child to practice writing their spellings at home.

Reception: Please practice the sounds and actions your child has learnt using the sound cards in your child's book bag.

Welcome to Larks Information Meeting:
We would love parents to attend our information meeting in Larks Classroom on **Monday 19th September** at 2.40pm.

P.E. Days/Forest Schools

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. P.E. kits will be sent home at the end of half-term.

P.E. kits should include: a t-shirt, shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers/plimsolls. Please do ensure all clothing is clearly labelled so we can ensure any missing clothes are returned to the correct families.

For your information, P.E. lessons will be on a **Tuesday morning** this term. Larks children will also take part in a lunchtime PE active club on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Forest Schools will be on **Wednesday** afternoons.

Please ensure **earrings** are **not** worn on these days.

Book bags, Water bottles and Coats

Just a reminder we encourage children to bring their belongings into school using a named book bag rather than a rucksack, unfortunately we have little storage space for these. If you do not have a book bag these are available to purchase through the school office.

When children attend before school gymnastics and Forest Schools they can bring in a small rucksack for their gym/FS clothes. Please ensure **everything** is named!

We ask all children to bring to school on a Monday a clean water bottle, which we will send home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. Please also ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Thank you!

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, it is very much appreciated.
Mrs Masson and Mrs Coe

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