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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to this new academic year! It was so lovely to see you all on Friday. I hope that even though the weather wasn't at its best you were still able to have a restful summer break. This first half term is going to be a busy and exciting one.

English

Our genre for this half term is Fiction: Fairy stories and Traditional Tales. We will be reading various versions of Rapunzel looking at the characters and story structure. We will also focus on the Traditional Tale of Little Red Riding Hood reading various versions. Our English learning will be linked to our Topic this term on Castles. The children in Year 1 will have spellings sent home each week based on our phonics 'sound' that we are learning. These will be sent home on a Tuesday with a view to being tested the following Monday. You will find these spellings in your child's reading record to practice at home. Reception children will have some Jolly Phonics sounds and actions to learn.

Topic: Geography

In our Geography learning, we will be looking at castles in the major cities of the UK; London, Edinburgh and Cardiff. We will discuss the features of those castles including the physical features they have been built on or near. After half term we will move on to the history of castles. I hope to be able to take the children on a trip to visit Framlingham castle towards the end of this term. Further details to follow.

Science

We will be labelling the basic parts of our body and understanding which part of our body is associated with each sense. We will identify and name a variety of animals and notice that animals including humans have offspring, which grow into adults.

Maths

In our Math's learning this half term we will focus on Number; place value, addition and subtraction. We will also start to learn our 10 and 5 times tables.

P.E

We will be having our P.E lesson on Mondays when we will be learning gymnastics and Games on Thursdays with A&M Sports. Please keep your child's P.E kit in school at all times including trainers as children will need these for Active lunchtime club when they will just change their shoes.

As a gentle reminder, please can I ask that all clothing including shoes are named. Please could your child bring a waterproof coat into school each day, a water bottle that can stay in school and an art shirt (this could be an old large tshirt of yours!). Could you also please provide your child with a spare pair of pants/socks in a named bag. Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support. I am really looking forward to working together this term.

Mrs Masson and Mrs Coe - Larks Team

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