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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Larks Class Newsletter Autumn 1 Term 2025

A warm welcome to our new and existing families! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. Please find below some information about the Autumn 1 half term:

Curriculum Learning:

English: We will introduce the children to a new and exciting style of 'Writing for Pleasure' designing our own 'Memoir' style books for Year 1 and 'I like' books for the Reception children. This new approach will encourage pictures and mark making and we hope a love for writing!

Maths: Using White Rose mastery, our Year 1 module will be Place Value within 10. We will learn patterns of counting. We will also continue to teach Mastering Number for both year groups.

Science: In this unit our topic is Animals including Humans – we will learn about human and animal bodies and consider the similarities and differences between them.

History: This half term we will be learning about the Victorians – **Save the date: Tuesday 30th September for our Victorian Day!** More details to follow!

RE: Our focus is Christianity: Asking the question 'Why is God so important to Christians?' We will record our learning in a class book for the children to share.

Computing: This half term children will be learning how we can stay safe online.

PE: We will have PE on a Monday starting with fundamental skills, hopefully outside if the weather stays dry!

PHSE: Our topic is around Celebrating Difference – Jigsaw Jack will help us understand that our similarities and differences is what makes us unique and special.

Lark's children will start **Forest Schools at the start of the Spring term in January 2026.**

Homework:

Reading: If possible, all pupils need to be reading at home every day. This will help your child practice their blending and fluency and improve their comprehension skills. Please **record** when they have read in their **reading diary** making any relevant comments and initialing their bookmark – bookmarks will be sent out soon.

Spellings: On Mondays, spellings will be sent home for the Year 1 children 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. We will also send out the Year 1 Statutory Common exception words on bookmarks for children to practice.

Maths: To help develop children's fluency in mathematics we ask them to learn Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs). We expect children to practice their KIRFs at least 3 times a week. We will send out Autumn terms KIRFs within the next few weeks.

Reception: In addition to hearing your child read please continue to practice the sounds and actions your child has learnt using the sound cards in your child's book bag.

Book bags, Water bottles and Coats: Just a reminder we encourage children to bring their belongings into

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School using a named book bag rather than a rucksack, unfortunately we have little storage space for these. When children attend before school gymnastics, they can bring in a small rucksack for their gym clothes. Please ensure **everything** is named!

We ask all children to bring to school on a Monday a simple sensible water bottle like the image below.



We will send the water bottles home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. As the weather is very changeable now if you could please ensure your child has a suitable waterproof coat in school.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, it is hugely appreciated!

Kindest regards

Mrs C Masson, Mrs Swain & Mrs Moore
Larks Team



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