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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Larks Class Newsletter Spring 2 Term 2025



Welcome back to this half term! I hope you all had a wonderful half term. Please find below some information about this half term:

Curriculum Learning:

English: Our genre continues with Non-fiction: writing instructions and lists along with some Poetry from Puffin Fantastic First Poem Anthology. **Reception** will be focusing on the digraphs learnt and writing simple sentences.

Maths: Using White Rose mastery, our modules will be Place Value within 50, Length and height and then Mass and Volume. We will continue counting to and from 100, counting in our 2's, 5's and 10's. We will also continue to teach Mastering Number for both year groups.

Geography: For the first three weeks our topic is From London to Uganda: comparing hot and cold climates.

Music: The children will listen and appraise a new song each week. They will learn how to find the pulse of a song, we will explore high and low pitch and learn 5 songs by heart.

Science: Our topic is 'Feel the Force' In this unit children will learn the nature of force: movement, pushes and pulls, gravity, friction, wind and water. They will explore different everyday situations involving forces and identify the forces involved. They will work scientifically carrying out a range of investigations.

RE: Our focus is Christianity: Asking the question 'Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?'

Computing: This half term children will move on to Unit 1.6 'Animated Stories'.

PE: We will continue on a Monday afternoon with ITFC improving our ball skills 'sending and receiving'. **Please** ensure children have their PE kit in school, **including socks** for girls that are wearing tights.

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.

Spellings: On Mondays, spellings are 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. This week I have given the Year 1's some Tricky word bookmarks to take home to practice and learn.

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. You have the Spring 1 and Spring 2 KIRFs for both year groups. I will give out Summer 1 and Summer 2 on parents evenings later this term.

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 School using a named book bag rather than a rucksack, unfortunately we have little storage space for these.

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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 similar to the image below.



We will send the water bottles home every Friday to ensure they are cleaned thoroughly. As the weather is very changeable at the moment 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

