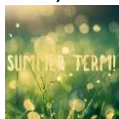




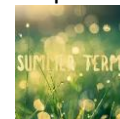
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025



## Larks Class Newsletter Summer 1 Term 2025



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

### Curriculum Learning:

**English:** Our genre is Fiction: Fairy Tales and Traditional Tales. We will focus on Cinderella, Snow White and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children will hear various versions traditional and alternative! We will be discussing the language used, identifying settings and describing characters. **Year 1** will use story mountains to help them plan and write their own version of Cinderella. **Reception** will focus on using their phonic knowledge to write simple sentences.

**Maths:** Using White Rose mastery, our modules will be Multiplication & Division, Fractions, Position & Direction. 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.

**Science:** We will be focusing on Plants. The children will name and identify a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen. They will identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. They will grow beans and observe them over time completing a bean diary.

**RE:** Our focus is Christianity: Asking the question 'How can we care for our wonderful world? This nicely compliments the children's learning on science this half term.

**Computing:** This half term children will move on to Unit 1.7 'Coding'.

**PHSE:** Our topic this half term is 'Changing Me' We will be looking and discussing lifecycles.

**Design & Technology:** Our topic is Structures. The aim of this unit is to develop the children's knowledge and understanding and skills needed to construct, develop and revise structures of bridges and towers. They will learn the different types of bridges and then design, build and construct a beam bridge that can hold a toy car!

**Forest Schools:** All Larks children will have forest schools on a **Wednesday** morning. Please ensure they come into **school wearing** their forest school clothes. **Please** ensure children have their PE kit in school, **including socks** for girls that are wearing tights and trainers.

### 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. Please also practice the Tricky words on the bookmarks that were sent home before Easter.

**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 now have the KIRF's for the Summer Term (given out at parent's meetings) for both year groups.

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**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. 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, but also, a sun hat!

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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