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Dear Parents/Carers,

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025



## Larks Class Newsletter Autumn 2 Term 2025



A warm welcome to our exciting half term! We hope you all had a wonderful half term break. Please find below some information about the Autumn 2 half term:

### **Curriculum Learning:**

**English:** We will introduce the children to a new topic 'senses poetry' as part of the 'Writing for Pleasure' program. All the children will use their senses to help them describe fireworks, plan and then write their own Firework senses poem.

**Maths:** Using White Rose mastery, our Year 1 modules will be Addition and Subtraction within 10 and Shape. We will continue to teach Mastering Number for both year groups.

**Science:** In this unit our topic is 'Zootopia' The children will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will understand the difference between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

**Geography:** This half term our topic will be Oceans and Seas.

**RE:** Our focus is Christianity: Asking the question 'Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?'

**Computing:** This half term children will recap how we can stay safe online and then move on to the Grouping and Sorting unit.

**PE:** We will have PE on Monday learning gymnastics skills. **Please can your child continue to come into school wearing their PE kit please.**

**Music:** We will be learning Nativity songs in preparation for our Nativity play **which is being held at 9.30am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the church.**

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. **Please ensure your child's reading book is brought into school each day with their reading record book.**

**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. These were given out at Parents Evenings.

**Reception:** In addition to hearing your child read please continue to practice the sounds and actions your child

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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 warm 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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