



Lark Hall Infant & Nursery Academy

KS1 News



KS1 Leader: Mr Roberts

Everyone is valued and shares responsibility for the challenging learning that takes place .

September 2021

Welcome

It has been a fabulous beginning to the term in Years 1 and 2. Despite the past 18 months being a rather “unsettling” period for the children, they have made a superb start and exceeded our expectations. Well done to everyone and thank you all for such fabulous support and understanding.

Reading

Reading remains our key focus in school. The PTA kindly agreed to fund the book bags as we would like every child to have access to appropriate books and the opportunity to read as often as possible, both inside and outside of school. We ask that the children bring their books bags into school every day (it would be appreciated if drinks were not put in the book bags as they can leak which spoils the books). Please try to spend at least fifteen minutes a day reading with your child. It is also good practice to re-read a book three or four times, as familiarity with it builds confidence with the vocabulary and improves reading fluency.



Forest School and P.E.

Year 1 and 2 have Forest School with Mr McGarvey every Monday. The children do need a change of shoes/wellingtons and a waterproof coat should there be adverse conditions. P.E is on a Tuesday. Again, the children should come dressed ready (please do not send your child in a crop top as again, we do like to do PE outside where possible).

Coats

As we move into Winter, the weather can be changeable. Please can the children bring a sensible coat into school everyday. All items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child’s name inside.

School Dinners

It is lovely to be able to offer the children a hot school meal again, should they choose. If your child does have a school dinner, at present we can only offer one hot meal option. We are encouraging the children, subject to dietary requirements, to at least try the hot meal provided. Again, the children have been amazing in trying things which they may not be familiar with. However, rest assured, if they really do not like the meal we do have sandwich options available too.

Year 1 and 2 Curriculum

At present, we are still settling the children into a routine as we ease back towards a broad, balanced curriculum. Our early focus has been on getting the most out of school by following the school rules of being: Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Seesaw and school videos

If you haven’t yet joined Seesaw (our online platform), please contact the school office. We post information every week about the learning taking place and also award our “Star of the Week Certificate.” The children are welcome to post comments about anything they see on Seesaw. Please also continue to look at the weekly video on the school website which contain updates regarding school life.



Mr Roberts and Mrs Pagan.

The School Day

8:50am	School gates open
9:00am	Self registration
9:05am	Phonics session/ Handwriting
9:20am	Literacy lesson
10:30am	On the carpet Maths
10:45am	Maths lesson
11:30am	Tidy up time and story/circle games
11:45am	Lunch time (Year One) 12:30pm Lunch time (Year Two)
12:30pm	On the carpet activity
12:45pm	Foundation subject lessons
2:30pm	Story
2:55pm	Gates open for home time

This is an example of a typical day. Activities/timings may change during the year.

Helping at home

As well as listening to your child every day it is also really great if you can read to them. Counting and **mental** maths games are a great way to spend time when walking to school.

Please help

The children all look really smart in their uniforms so can you please help us by ensuring everything your child brings into school is named. We have already had quite a few un-named jumpers in Key Stage One. Please note if you label your child's clothes with a pen it does disappear after a wash or two.

Going Home

Children are only allowed to go home with the adults you have told us about. Please let us know if someone different is collecting your child and we will provide a password which they will need to collect your child.

