



Lark Hall Infant and Nursery Academy

KS1- Newsletter Autumn 1 2025

Mr Roberts and Mrs Brackley



This term we are learning:

Year 2 Curriculum

Our new Year 2 pupils have made a fabulous start to the new year. They are doing a superb job in guiding the younger children in following our school rules: Ready, Respectful and Safe.

This year, we are again looking forward to our Monday Celebration Assemblies when we get the opportunity to invite some of you into school to share the great work and achievements of the children.

We also have lots of events coming up this Autumn term, including a trip to Packington Farm on the 10th October.

We have made a few changes to our curriculum this year and have introduced our new handwriting scheme "Kinetic Letters" and even at this stage we have seen a big improvement in handwriting. Brilliant! In English, the current focus has been on

ensuring we have all of the basics skills in place: pencil grip, handwriting, finger spaces, capital letters and full-stops. We have already enjoyed stories about Ginger the cat and will be moving onto writing simple instructions.

Our daily phonics and small group reading sessions are very well embedded. In maths, we spend much of the first half term developing an understanding of numbers up to 100. This is done in a variety of ways in order to lay the foundation for future work. Our geography is based on Farms, which ties in nicely with the Packington trip and history focuses on the Gunpowder plot and Bonfire Night. In science we are looking at plants and will get the opportunity to germinate seeds in different conditions. Our R.E topic is Leaders, looking at what qualities makes a great leader. In PHSE the children are learning to adapt to the challenges of being in a new year and how they can become more responsible at school AND at home!



Year 1 Curriculum

Moving from Reception to Year 1 is a huge step so it is delightful to see so many of the children doing so well. Much of the first half of term is spent giving the children time to transition and adapt to Key Stage 1.

In phonics, the children are consolidating the phonics sounds they learnt in Reception.

In English, the children are moving on from the "Drawing Club" which they used as inspiration for writing in Reception. Just like Year 2, we have also introduced Kinetic letters to our curriculum to help develop confidence and fluency with pencil grips and letter and number formation.

In maths, the children are focusing on numbers to 20 and understanding place value. In geography, the children are exploring where they live in the world and in RE they are looking at Our Wonderful World and Special Places.

In art they are developing mark making skills and using different tools to make lines, patterns and textures. In history, the children are discovering about Toys from the Past. Our PHSE program is called Jigsaw. This term, the children are learning why they are special and how to stay safe.

Message from the teachers:

As we stated in our year group meetings, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries at all. Remember, if you are free on Friday afternoons, we have invited all parents in to come and read with their child from 2:30 onwards.

Music and PE Days

Music is on Wednesday with Mrs Walters and P.E is on a Monday and Tuesday with Mr Cross. Please remember to wear the correct school P.E kits on these days.

