



Lark Hall Infant and Nursery Academy

KS1- Newsletter SPRING 1 2026 Mr Roberts and Mrs Brackley



This term we are learning:

Year 2 Curriculum

This is perhaps one of the most important terms of the year.

The children have already made some great progress so it will be fun building on that. We spend much of the term going over prior learning and building on that to do more challenging tasks.

Reading remains our number 1 priority. Our reading scheme is proving very successful so we are continuing with 3 reading sessions a week in addition to daily phonics. Do remember that we have our Parental Reading sessions every Friday at 2:50pm. The children really enjoy the chance to share their reading skills with you.

We do have one exciting event coming up this term. We have external visitor bring their Wonder dome to teach all of the children about the planets, stars and space. In English, we are trying to develop the children's confidence in writing independently and gradually increasing their skills to make sentences as exciting as possible. This term, we will be reading a story called "I'm Coming to Get You" by Tony Ross. It's a fun story about a "monster" who travels through space in order to find Tommy Brown...

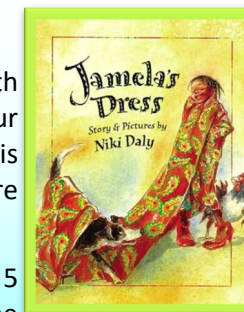
In maths, we will also start to expand their times tables to include the 2, 5 and 10 times tables so we will soon start using our "Times table Rock Stars" app which the children always love.

In Geography we are looking at life in Kenya and in History we will find out about the Great Fire of London. Science gives us the chance for more hands on exploration by looking at the properties of materials such as metal, plastic, wood and glass. In art we will complete some work with clay which is always a favourite. It can get a bit messy. Finally, we have Souths Staffordshire Water coming to teach us about the water cycle and how we can look after water.



Year 1 Curriculum

The Year 1 children have come back brimming with enthusiasm. In English, we have been so pleased with our scheme-"The Curious Quests". The children's writing is already exceeding our expectations. This term, we are starting off with a story about Jamela's Dress.



For phonics, the children will be continuing with Phase 5 sounds as they get ready for their phonics screening in June of this year. Remember, any reading you do at home will really help your child's confidence. In maths, the children are building on their knowledge of numbers to 100 and will also be looking at measurement. Our History topic is about intrepid explorers and Geography is about Life in a City. In science, we are investigating seasonal changes. The PHSE topic across the school is about Dreams and Goals and in RE, the children will find out about special books in different religions.

Message from the teachers:

Firstly, we would remind you that you are welcome to approach any member of staff should you wish to discuss anything about your child or should you have any concerns or wish to share exciting news.

Forest School, Music and PE Days PE continues on Monday and Tuesdays with music on Wednesdays. Obviously, with the seasonal weather, it can mean that the children need a change of clothes so it might be useful to pop a spare pair of socks in their bags.

Also, remember, school dinners at Lark Hall are free. There are lots of lovely options and we make a real effort to encourage the children to try different foods.

We have always been very lucky to have fantastic, approachable cooks in kitchen and Angelina has continued this trend, always putting the children first.