



# Lark Hall Infant and Nursery Academy

## KS1- Newsletter Autumn 1 2024

### Mr Roberts, Mrs Dugmore and Miss Hill



#### **This term we are learning:**

#### **Year 2 Curriculum**

It has already been a busy start with the children getting use to routines of Year 2. They have settled in brilliantly and have shown, as a class, they are brimming with character. They are learning to take on the responsibility of being the oldest in the school and setting a great example to the other children. Most of the children are already on the road to securing 100 Dojos, which is one of our positive reward schemes. This year, we are also looking forward to our 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 term including a trip to Packington Farm on the 9th October.

Curriculum wise, we are using our English writing program called "Sentence Stacking" which aims to encourage the children to write with confidence and independently. We started the year with a story about a cat called Ginger and the arrival of a new kitten. Then we move on to writing instructions on how to make a Jam Sandwich! In addition to daily phonic, we have also introduced 3 weekly, small group reading sessions. 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 Living Things and their habitats – including food chains. Our R.E topic is Leaders, looking a 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. They are now using "Curious Quests" as the inspiration to make writing magical. On their writing journey they meet Professor Clunk, Noodle and Titch, The Brain and The Greep (who is the "baddie").

In maths, the children are focusing on numbers to 20 and simple addition and subtraction using objects to help. In geography, the children are exploring where they live 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 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 Tuesday and Thursday with Mr Cross. Please remember to wear the correct school P.E kits on these days.