



# Lark Hall Infant and Nursery Academy

## KS1- Newsletter – Autumn 2 2022

### Mr Roberts and Miss Hill



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

##### **Year 2 Curriculum**



This is always an exciting term in Lark Hall as we build up to December's big event (on the 25th)! As the children know, Santa has placed his "Santa Vision" camera in class to keep an eye on all of them and to make sure they behave!

In maths, the children have really excelled in building number knowledge 100, using money and exploring 2D shape and money. Their measuring skills are so good that you could rely upon them to measure up for your next IKEA flat-pick furniture! Remember to keep dipping into Timetable Rock Stars with a focus on the 2 and 5 x tables. If you have lost your child's log on please let us know. In English, the handwriting is coming on a treat. We are having a real push on writing simple, well constructed sentences using stories about The Little Red Hen and Christmas. In science, year 2 are investigating different habitats that animals across the world live in whilst in Geography we are imagining how exciting it would be to travel on Safari and what we might see if we were to travel to Africa. Unsurprisingly, at this time of year, we are looking at the Nativity Story in R.E. and the key people who witnessed the birth of Jesus. This class continue to excel at Art and so we have now moved on to Portrait painting.

##### **Reading**

Reading remains the schools main focus. As outlined at Parent's Evening, reading at home is essential so please keep up the good work. We are using our "Accelerated Reader" app in school to test every child on the books they have read. It is a great tool to explore what the children have understood about each book and will help them gain confidence in dealing with the Year 2 SATS reading test in May next year.

Please try to ensure your child comes with their book bag every day.

##### **Year 1 Curriculum**

Already, the Year 1 children seem to have grown up so much since when they started in September. They really have settled down into the routine of Year 1 brilliantly. In English, they have been writing an exciting story based on Jack on the Beanstalk- but with a twist involving jelly beans. As, the term develops they will be writing stories based around Christmas-but we will try not to get them too excited too early! In maths they will be working on position and directions and also learning the days of the week and how to tell the time-which is something you could also help them with at home (o'clock and half past only). In Geography, as with Year 2, Year 1 are discovering what life would be like on Safari and they have already created balloon globes to help them find Africa before they have to pack their bags and fly off to Kenya. In RE the children will be learning about "Belonging" to different communities and different faiths and in science they are exploring about the body and our senses.

##### **Message from the teachers:**

Please look out for some of the events coming up this term. Firstly, we will be letting you know more about our Reindeer race on behalf of St Giles later this term. Also, we have resurrected (post Covid) the Christmas Craft day when all parents and carers will be welcomed into school to hear your children sing a few festive songs and do some Christmas Craft. Finally, even though Parent's evening has passed, 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. **PE and Forest School Days**

Forest School continues to take place on a Tuesday for both years 1 and 2. P.E is Thursday for both years 1 and 2. Please send your children in with coats everyday.