

**ST LAWRENCE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**

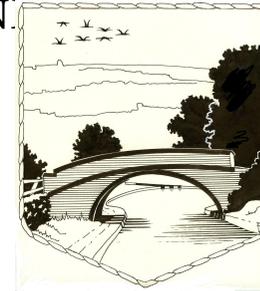
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Dear Parents,

A special welcome as we start our Summer term, and we hope you all had an enjoyable and safe Easter. We offer a special welcome to all our new children and parents and pray your time with us will be very enjoyable - we have been amazed with how all the children have settled into their new routines this term.

Last term was a difficult term which brought some staffing changes as we adjusted to Covid and illness in the unit. We are so thankful that we have all returned relatively healthy and eager to make this term an enjoyable and memorable term for us all. A new display informing you of staff in the unit and key person lists will be displayed on the gate every morning. If you have any questions please do ask.

We continue the school year implementing our new Early Years Curriculum and we are pleased with how this new curriculum is allowing us to be more focused on the child's interests whilst always ensuring that the children are challenged in all areas of their learning development. Please make sure that you regularly access your child's online learning journal through tapestry. If you need some help accessing this app please do let a member of staff know.

Some important information:

Outdoor space

At Little Lawrences the outdoors is simply an extension of our curriculum, please ensure your child has adequate clothing for all types of weather. Mick is continuing to join us every Wednesday when we hope to visit forest school and work together to build our investigation area, paying special attention to our 'adoptive' hedgehog Raspberry - we have recently been joined by a fox!

Water bottles

We have group snack times throughout the day. This is the perfect opportunity for the children to gain independence as they help to serve the food and drink and help support friendships. We provide a healthy snack, however if you wish to send in a snack, please ensure that it is in keeping with our healthy eating policy and does not contain nuts. Please send your child into school with a named water bottle every day, these are then readily available for when your child should need a drink.

We are so excited for this term, thank you for trusting us to support, teach and nurture your very precious children!

Maria and the Early Years Team

Personal, Social, and Emotional development

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Continuing with our daily 'friendship club' with Carole, to support children in making relationships with the other children.
- Looking at things which make us the same and different as we explore different cultures.
- Learning to think of others.
- Introducing small responsibilities.
- Exploring self-regulation and how our emotions impact our day. Through zones of regulation.
- Learning a Makaton sign of the week, as we encourage children to think about how we communicate with everyone.

Physical development.

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Strengthening our core muscles through special 'movement' groups with Jill every Wednesday.
- Exploring speed and creating movement to different sounds and beats.
- Encouraging independence with dressing, putting on shoes and hand washing.
- With 'cross the midline' games and activities to strengthen core muscles.
- Daily 'Fine Motor' groups every afternoon, getting our hands ready for writing.
- Encouraging children to self-select and serve their own drinks and snack.

Communication and Language

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Encouraging children to speak confidently in a group setting.
- Encouraging good listening skills and following instructions through small group games.
- Singing lots of songs and including Makaton signs to further understanding.
- Having a question of the week, to encourage how and why questions and critical thinking.
- Discovering what it is to listen, exploring different sounds and how these can be manipulated.

Little Lawrence's Curriculum letter

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*This term our topic is
"Tickets Please" alongside following the
children's interests.*

Mathematics

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Lots of counting songs and rhymes
- Exploring patterns as we look at different clothing.
- Sorting and counting activities using natural objects
- Strengthening our critical thinking skills through activities with the 'mystery Bag', what is in the bag? What can we use it for?
- Using 'Stem activities' to encourage the children to 'keep trying' and accepting when things go wrong.

Expressive arts and design

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Creating artwork and craft based on different cultures.
- Using our home role play corner to engage in imaginative play.
- Having an airport role play area to consider transport and holidays.
- Moving to a rhythm, learning the Spanish Flamenco, Bollywood and, Irish dancing to name a few.
- Imitating the movements of different animals, from different countries.

Literacy

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Learning different folk stories from around the world.
- Weekly 'Helicopter Stories' to encourage story telling.
- Mark making area to help with writing and recognizing letter sounds.
- Introducing the 'Reading library' and encouraging children to bring home books to share at home.

Understanding the world

This term, we will be doing the following:

- Exploring our nature world and the different habitats that animals live in.
- Exploring fire at forest school, but safely.
- Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and learning about the Royal family.
- Looking at the Weather and how we keep safe in the sun.