Welcome!

Welcome Back to the new school year!
A special welcome to the new families joining Larkhall!

Back to School Reminders

Please remember to bring to school:

- **Water Bottle**
- **Book Bag**
- **Your smile** 😀

Please hand in your 'All About Me' form!

LARKHALL PRIMARY CAMPUS

Key Dates & Events

1. 4-14.9 Staggered start dates
2. 23.09 Trip to the Spinney
3. 13.10 International Day
4. 16.10 Last day of term

Throughout this term your child will be taking part in the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment.

Reception Newsletter Autumn 1

Natural Thinkers Activities this term

- **Exploring our outdoor!**
- **Planting dadfoils and peas**
- **Observing changes as Autumn starts**
- **Going outdoors in all weather**
- **Using natural resources in our play**

Children have daily access to outdoor and natural resources. Please ensure they have suitable clothing to play outside.

Natural Thinkers

Stay Connected

- Please make sure you are connected to us on Class Dojo
- Please share any WOW moments or events from home with us on your child's Profile
- Follow our learning journey on **Instagram**

ClassDojo

@lark
#lhwestminster

@larkhalleyfs

Our EYFS rules are:

1. **Everyone is safe and happy.**
2. **We look after our property.**

These rules allow children the freedom to be creative and play freely, while also developing key skills in friendship building, respect and self-regulation.

Personal Social Emotional Development

Our settling in process will ensure all children feel happy and confident to come to school.

This term is all about **independence**. Can you be independent with your eating? Can you zip your jacket up by yourself?

What emotions can you name? When do you feel them?
Happy, sad, angry, tired, scared, excited

Books and Songs

*We will be **reading**…*
You Choose! Naughty Bus Skin
Handa's Surprise Mucky Duck
Giraffes can't dance Pink is for Boys Children of the World

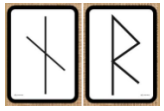
*We will be **singing**…*
The Wheels on the Bus 5 Little Ducks
Fabby Dabby Dee I Feel Good
5 Little Ducks

Phonics and Writing

Can you talk like a robot and **hear** all the sounds in words like dog and run? Can you **say** what sound different things start with?

We are getting ready for reading and writing by checking our listening skills! We need to hear and say sounds before we read and write them!

There will also be lots of fun **mark-making** opportunities for you to explore in our **Message Centre**!



Our Topic this term is…

Messy Me!

Children in EYFS access all areas of the curriculum daily as part of their play, in addition to the planned Topics.

Maths

White Rose units this term:

Getting to know you

Matching, Sorting and Comparing

Talking about Measure and Patterns

Play

At Larkhall EYFS we learn through play for the majority of the day.

This term we are learning how to play with all the resources around the classroom.
Can you be a **Trying Tortoise** and try some new activities?

"Play is the highest form of research" Albert Einstein

Physical Development

Did you know that children need to have secure **motor skills** before they are ready to sit down and write?

We will be exploring moving in different ways, navigating space and obstacles and playing in our new playground with balance and coordination.

We will also start regular visits to the **Adventure Zone**.

Creative Arts

Jackson Pollock is our focus artist of the term.

We will be getting messy and creative and exploring all the colours! We will also be using natural and found resources to make marks, create and mix colours.

In **Music**, we will be playing with body percussion games and singing songs every day.

All learning in EYFS links to the Prime Areas of: COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE, PERSONAL SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT