



**Lord Deramore's
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Headteacher Update

Mrs Pye



I am pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Pye is returning to Lord Deramore's Primary after the half-term holidays. She will be having a phased return over a four-week period, teaching two days on the first week back, three on the second and third weeks, four days on the fourth week and resuming full-time teaching on Monday 3rd July. Miss Aldritt will continue to cover the other days.

Forest Schools

This week, I have had the pleasure of teaching Years 1 and 6 and leading some Forest School sessions with them. Lord Deramore's woodland area is an amazing resource and I have been extremely impressed by the high level of creativity, problem solving and teamwork skills exhibited by our talented children whilst working within it. It just goes to show that the most effective and memorable learning does not always necessarily take place sat in a classroom!



Centre for Global Education

On Monday, we welcomed some visitors from the Centre for Global Education, who delivered an interesting and thought-provoking workshop for Years 5 and 6 on immigration. The children learned all about why people move locations, including the difficulties encountered by asylum seekers.

PTA disco

The PTA disco took place last night and was a great success. The children had a wonderful time, behaved exceptionally well and certainly enjoyed their fair share of sugary treats! Thank you to all of our PTA members for providing such a great event for our children – it is very much appreciated.



Manchester Terrorist Attack

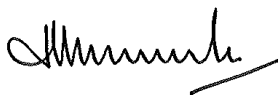
Following the horrendous terrorist attack in Manchester earlier this week, children throughout school have naturally been talking amongst themselves about the event. Yesterday, we joined every school in the country by observing a 1-minute silence in memory of those affected. We have so far only acknowledged the event with our children and have not discussed in detail the event or the issues surrounding it. Staff in school will be taking local and national advice to design future Citizenship lessons and assemblies, ensuring that the issues surrounding such events are discussed in an age-appropriate manner and in a way that promotes community cohesion and the British Values of diversity and tolerance. Should your children be asking any questions about the event at home, please see the link below for guidance from the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) Association regarding talking about terrorist attacks with primary-aged children.

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/discussing-terrorist-attack-children-primary>

Thank you

Thank you for your continued support and welcoming smiles during my first half term at Lord Deramore's Primary School. It has certainly been a busy few weeks, with many new things to learn and understand – including over 200 new children's names. The whole community has been ever so welcoming and I really am grateful to be given the opportunity of being your school's new headteacher. Wishing you all a well-deserved half term together – long may the good weather continue!

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Rourke', with a horizontal line underneath.

James Rourke
Headteacher