



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Years 5 and 6 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring your child was well-equipped and organised for school during the Autumn Term. It is now the Spring Term and we are looking forward to longer and warmer days. Please can we remind you that children should be in school by 8:50am so we can make a prompt start to our learning - thank you.

Year 6

To support children before their transition to secondary school, please continue to encourage your child to practise spellings, times tables and mental maths activities (Prodigy, Mathletics and Number Gym should help) and keep up to date with quality entries in their Reading Journals. Please also encourage them to produce quality, well-presented homework and have a positive, independent approach to their own learning, asking us for help when needed. The Spring term is quite short and we will be focused very much on practising and revising key skills and concepts. Your continued help in supporting the children is invaluable at this time.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is: 'Earth and Space'. We will be focusing our writing work around this topic by creating newspaper reports, factual and explanation writing, poetry and some science fiction stories. In maths, we will continue to practise the four rules and worded problems as well as fractions, data handling and algebra.

Our science work will focus on our understanding of planets and their shape and relative sizes. We will also look at the motion of these bodies and how this affects night and day. Our work will lead into forces. Later we will come back down to Earth and focus on mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes and the water cycle.

Art will see the children recreating pictures in the style of Peter Thorpe and Van Gogh. Our dance will use the music from 'War of the Worlds'.



Assemblies

Year 5 class assembly is on **Friday 2nd February 2:45pm**

Year 6 class assembly is on **Friday 26th January 2:45pm**

Homework

We thank all parents/carers for their support in ensuring homework is completed and handed in on time. Children make the most progress at school when they feel the school and their families are working together. All homework will be relevant to work in school and the children will always receive feedback.

Monday: All children will receive a list of spellings to practise and learn at home ready for a test on Friday. Please sign their spelling homework and enable them to bring their book into school on Fridays.

Wednesday: Maths homework to be handed in on the following Monday. This may be in books, sheets, a task or Athletics.

Wednesday: Learning Journals are for more open ended and independent homework. This will usually be based on science or geography/history. The children will choose from the Homework Menu and produce one task per week. We encourage the children to be proactive, independent and creative in their ideas and presentation. *(There will only be one menu this term as it is such a short term.)*

This is in addition to reading, which we expect the children to do for a short time every night - please check your child's reading journal regularly. The children also have access to the ReadTheory website through Chrome if they wish to practise.

Tables and mental maths activities are also very important, so practice at home is really beneficial.

Homework	Set	Due in
Maths	Wednesday	Monday (the next week)
Menu	Wednesday	Monday (the next week)
Spellings	Monday	Friday

PE

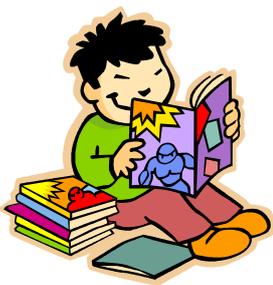


Years 5&6 PE is on a Tuesday and Friday.

Both classes will have the opportunity to work with a PE Specialist from Total Sports who will be providing games for this year. Mr Holmes is an experienced and well-regarded sports coach who will be teaching games on a Tuesday. He will be starting with football. Mr Richards and Mr Sharpe will be teaching gymnastics and dance on a Friday.

PE may be indoors or outdoors and we expect children to have their full kit, as detailed in their planner, throughout the week. Please make sure all kit is named, thank you.

Reading



Our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and finding out information. Therefore, children read most days at school. We would also encourage all children to read each evening and all parents to read with their child as often as possible. Even fluent readers benefit from reading aloud to an adult.

All children have a Reading Journal and we would be grateful if you could date whenever your child reads with you and note how they are getting on with their books. Please remember that it is more important that a child understands and enjoys the book rather than ensuring they get to the end of the story quickly - little and often can often be more successful.

And finally...

If you wish to see us about any aspect of your child's life in school, please pop in at the end of the school day, make an appointment via the planner or send an email to: mark2.richards@york.gov.uk

Please note there will be a Parent Interview sessions on the evenings of Friday 21st and 22nd March.

Best wishes,

Mark Richards Adam Sharpe Annette Lee Sarah Pierotti