



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Year 3 and 4 Summer Newsletter
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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday.

There is always a lot to look forward to in the summer term and this term will be extra special as we anticipate the end of the building work and a lovely big playground in which the children can play.

The Key Stage 2 Summer production of *Oliver* will take place in July and all of Key Stage 2 will visit the Yorkshire Show Ground for 'Countryside day' in June. Let's hope the sun shines, especially in Outdoor Learning Week and on our Sports Days.

For this term, we have planned some challenging and enjoyable activities and feel sure that the children will, with your support, continue to build on their achievements and enjoy success in school.

Curriculum

Our theme this term is 'Explorers and Adventurers'. We aim to find out about explorers of the past such as Captain Cook and Ernest Shackleton, and develop our geography skills using maps and plans. We will compare different areas of the world and, in science, look at how animals and plants are adapted to their environment. In computing, we plan to use the Beebots (programmable floor turtles) to explore, and in DT we will design and make a bag for an explorer. In English we will write newspaper reports and adventure stories based on exploration and in maths we will cover direction, distances and grid references.

For further details of the maths and English curriculum, please see our website.



Outdoor Learning Week and Countryside Day

Outdoor Learning Week, when all lessons take place outdoors or in tents, will take place in the week beginning June 25th. As part of our commitment to outdoor education, we also wish to take the children to the Countryside Day at the Great Yorkshire Showground on Wednesday 6th June. The cost of the trip is £5 (for the coach). A letter will be send home with more details in the next couple of weeks.



Reading

Reading is the key to so much learning and our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information.

We would encourage all parents to read with their child for a short time each evening. Even fluent readers benefit from reading aloud to an adult. Please sign in the Planner when you have read with your

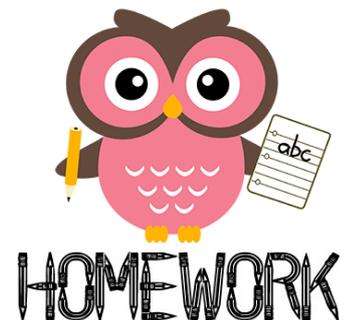
child or they have read independently.

We are interested in children's book choices and are happy for books from home to be recorded in the Planner. Please remember that it is more important that a child understands and enjoys a book rather than ensuring they get to the end of the story in one sitting – little and often can be more successful with some children. If they are reluctant to read, you could take turns reading lines and encourage the use of 'voices' for the characters.

Library days are Thursday for Year 3 and Wednesday for Year 4. The children also have the opportunity to visit the library independently one lunchtime each week.

Homework and Spellings

We continue to be amazed and delighted by the hard work, imagination and care the children put into their homework. We know this is only possible with your support and we thank all parents for ensuring homework, spellings and maths practice are completed, and the books handed in on time. All homework is relevant to the curriculum and the children always receive feedback.



The maths homework target this half term is about telling the time. I am sure you will agree it is a vital skill for all children, and practise at home will support the work they will complete in the classroom.

Our spellings are based on government statutory guidance for Year 3 and 4. If you wish to know more, go to the classroom pages on our website (<http://lordderamores.com/classrooms/year-3-and-4>) and click on the link for 'English in the National Curriculum – Spelling'. Scroll down to find the Year 3 and 4 spelling information (starts on page 7). As well as the letter patterns, prefixes, suffixes etc., you will find a list of words on page 16 which all children are required to know how to spell by the end of Year 4.

We know that all children are at different stages in their spelling ability and we continue to support every child. Your help at home in learning spellings supports the work the children do at school and helps them to feel more confident in their writing.

Please remember to sign and date the homework menu as well as the spelling menu to show which activities have been completed.



Remember that all children have online access to Mathletics and Numbergym to practice maths skills at school and at home. Details for Mathletics log on are in the planners.

After putting 'Numbergym' into your search engine, click on 'online access'. Username is l (lowercase L) and password is d. (If your child completes any Numbergym units, please make a note in their planner so we can record it on their sheet in school.)

Year 3

Monday: Children will receive a list of spellings to practise and learn at home ready for a test on the following Friday.

Friday: Homework books are given out, to be returned on the following Wednesday.

Year 4

Tuesday: Children will receive a list of spellings to practise and learn at home ready for a test on the following Monday.

Thursday: Homework books are given out, to be returned on the following Wednesday.

As the children progress through school, we work on developing their skills of organisation and independence. The vast majority of Year 3 and 4 children understand their homework instructions and bring their books back on time. Well done to the children and thank you again to the parents.

Forest Schools

Year 3 will be working in the forest one afternoon each week. We will let you know when we will start. Year 4 sessions will resume after half term although we may have the occasional visit before then. We will keep you informed if extra clothing is required.



Class Assemblies

Year 3 class assembly is on 27.4.18.

Year 4 class assembly is on 4.5.18.

We hope you will be able to join us at 2:45pm.

Summer

If we are lucky enough to get some warm, sunny weather, please can all children bring a hat / cap and a water bottle to school. Please apply any suncream to your child before school starts.

If the children wish to bring small outdoor toys (plastic dinosaurs, cars, small figures – nothing expensive or too precious) to play with on the grass, they are very welcome. Please ensure they are in a named bag and kept in the child's locker. Toys are not to be brought into the classroom.

Important Dates

May Bank Holiday – Monday 7th May

Photographers in school – Friday 25th May

Half Term holiday starts – end of school Friday 25th May

Training Day – Monday 4th June

Countryside Day – Wednesday 6th June
Outdoor Learning / Science Week – beginning 25th June
Sports Afternoon at the University – Friday 6th July
Sports/ Activity morning – Tuesday 10th July
KS2 Production of 'Oliver' – Wednesday 11th July at 6:30pm and Thursday
12th July at 1:30pm.
Summer holidays start – end of school Friday 20th July

There is no official parent's evening this term; you will receive a report about your child's progress in July. If you wish to see us about any aspect of your child's life in school before then, please pop in at the end of the school day, make an appointment via the planner or contact suzie.mckenna@york.gov.uk or mary.mccormack@york.gov.uk

Best wishes,

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