



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Year 5 and 6 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and that this term we can look forward to some sunny weather when the children can make full use of our wonderful school grounds and forest area. We have planned some challenging and enjoyable activities and expect that the children will, with your support, continue to build on their achievements and enjoy success in school. 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 SATs

The SATs are taking place for Year 6 from Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May. This is the programme:

Monday: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Test

Tuesday: English Reading Test

Wednesday: Mathematics 1

Thursday: Mathematics 1 & 2

The rest of Key stage 2 will also be formally assessed in English and maths over the term.

Science and Outdoor Learning Week

Science Week and Outdoor Learning Week are being combined this year! It will be held from 25th - 29th June. All classes will undertake science activities that are investigative, fun and apply science to real life whilst being outside! Please can you ensure that your child has the relevant clothing during this week - sun cream and sun hats etc. (Hopefully no waterproofs!) 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 sent home with more details in the next couple of weeks.

Curriculum

This term our topic will be based on the Industrial Revolution during the Victorian Period. We shall be immersing ourselves in the period, looking at how it affected the local area and investigating some of the famous York Industrialists.

Our science will be focused on 'Forces' and 'Animals, Living Things and Habitats'. In art and DT, we will be working on bridges and examining the work of William Morris.



In computing, Year 5 will be designing and making their own websites. Year 6 will be leaning about coding and E-safety in more depth. In RE we will be thinking about 'What would Jesus do' and Year 6 will also be working on transition to Year 7 in PSHE. We will also continue to have a weekly singing assembly with Mrs Newton. Year 6 will also have the opportunity to undertake Bikeability cycle training after half term. Please look out for details nearer the time.

Sex and Relationship Education

Years 5&6 will start their learning after the half term holiday.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact Mr Richards @ mark2.richards@york.gov.uk or pop in and speak with us. Alternatively, visit the school website (Our School → Key Information → Policies → Relationships & Sex Education).

Assemblies

Year 5 class assembly is on **Friday 18th May 2:45pm**

Year 6 Leavers' assembly is on **Friday 20th July Time TBC**

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.

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 Mathletics.

Wednesday: Learning Journals are for more open ended and independent homework. This will usually be based on science or geography/history. The children, as through the rest of the year, 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.

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.

Tables and mental maths activities are also very important, so practice at home is really beneficial. Don't forget Prodigy, Mathletics and NumberGym.

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 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Both classes will have the opportunity to work with the York City Knights and the Chance to Shine Cricket Team this term. The children will also continue to work with Mr Holmes on a Tuesday. PE may be indoors or outdoors and we expect children to have their full kit, as detailed in their planner, throughout the week.



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Spreading the power of cricket



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 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 sun cream to your child before school starts.

There are no official parents evenings this term, but 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 email to: mark2.richards@york.gov.uk

Best wishes,

Mark Richards Adam Sharpe Annette Lee Sarah Pierotti