



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Phase 3 Autumn 2018 Newsletter
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Welcome to a new school year in Years 4, 5 & 6. We hope you all had a relaxing summer and that the children are ready for new challenges and some fun. You may have noticed that this newsletter goes out to parents of children in 'Phase 3'. After much discussion, we have reorganised our classes to better support the children in their journey through school.

Phase 1: Early Years and Year 1 are together in a phase in order to smooth the transition from the Early Years curriculum to the Key Stage 1 curriculum.

Phase 2: Bridges the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2.

Phase 3: Sees Years 4, 5 and 6 working together as the children develop greater independence in their own learning.

For this year only, the classes will continue to follow the topics which link to their old phases. This gives us time to review, develop and plan our curriculum to make it relevant and exciting for the children in their new phases. You are all invited to attend the Phase 3 welcome meeting on Wednesday 12th September (2.30pm) in the Year 6 classroom.

YEAR 4

Curriculum



This term we are excited to be learning about the Tudors and have already planned a visit to 'Barley Hall' on Monday 15th October. More details to follow very soon. We will be delving into all aspects of Tudor life as well as learning about the Kings and Queens of the period. Our art and DT will also be based on the Tudor period. Our Science work will be investigating Sound and Electricity. We will also be learning about why we remember WW1, nearer to the time of Remembrance. For further details of the Maths and English curriculum, please see our website.

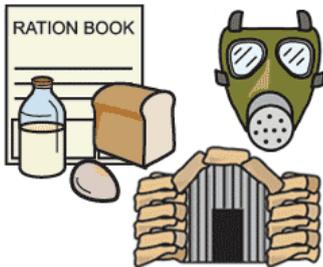
Forest Schools

Year 4 will be working in the forest on Wednesday afternoon each week. Please can you ensure that the children have suitable clothing for the outdoor activities. They will require wellingtons and water proofs as the weather begins to change and sun hats if it is warm.



YEARS 5 & 6

Curriculum



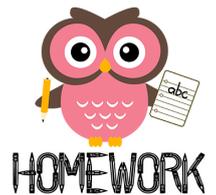
Our history and geography topics this term are based on the two 'World Wars'. The children will be learning about the reasons for the Wars beginning and the outcomes, both politically and practically for the people of the time. A visit to the Army and Castle Museums has been organised for Wednesday 19th September (a letter outlining the details will follow). The

topic will link with our Science – circuits/morse code and Art. Years 5 & 6 will also be involved with a city-wide programme called '100 Years, 1000 voices': a choral event marking the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. For further details of the Maths and English curriculum, please see our website.

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. As the children progress through school, we work on developing their skills of organisation and independence. In the past, the vast majority of children have understood their homework instructions and have brought their books back on time. Well done to the children and thank you again to the parents.

Remember that all children have online access to Numbergym to practise maths skills at school and at home. 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.)



Homework Timetables

Year 4

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

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

Maths:

Maths homework will continue in the same manner as Year 3 this term - a half termly target to be worked on at home. The maths homework target this half term is about counting in 10s, 100s and 1000s - forwards and backwards starting from any number. We are sure you will agree it is a vital skill for all

children, and that practise at home will support the work they will complete in the classroom.

Spellings:

Our spellings are based on government statutory guidance for Years 3 and 4. If you wish to know more, go to the classroom pages on our website 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.

Years 5 & 6

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, on sheets, a task or a computer or web-based activity.

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.

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.

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

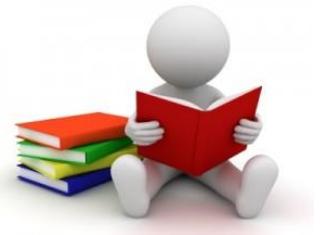
Years 4, 5 & 6

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 day is Tuesday for Year 4. All the children also have the opportunity to visit the library independently one lunchtime each week.

PE – Autumn Term

Year 4 PE is on Tuesdays (with Mr Holmes) and Thursdays. Swimming lessons will take place in the Spring term – more details nearer the time. Year 5 PE is on Mondays and Fridays. Year 6 PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays (with Mr Holmes).



PE may be indoors or outdoors and we expect children to have their full kit as detailed on the website. We recommend that PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and then left in school until Friday so it cannot be forgotten. Earrings have to be removed for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, please can they not wear them on PE days. If their ears have only recently been pierced, and therefore the earrings cannot be removed, your child must bring some medical tape to cover them during PE sessions.

Important Dates

Y5&6 Trip to Army/Castle Museums – Wednesday 19th September

Photographers in school (individual and family groups) – Friday 21st September

Robinwood Trip Y6 – Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd October

Y4 Trip to Barley Hall – Monday 15th October

Parent Interview Evenings – Tuesday and Wednesday 16&17th October

Half Term holiday starts – end of school Thursday 25th October

Return to school – Monday 5th November

Ys 5 & 6 '100 Years, 1000 voices' – Friday 9th November

Christmas holidays start end of school Friday 21st December

Planners

The aim of the planner is for children to reflect on their learning, to aid organisation and to facilitate communication between school and home. Please use the planner for notes about doctor's appointments etc, questions about homework, making appointments to see the class teacher, positive comments about your child's progress or if you wish to inform us of any successes your child has had out of school eg. music awards, football medals, learning a new skill. (You may wish to write a letter to inform us of more private issues.)

Punctuality

If children are regularly late to school, it can make them feel unhappy and unsettled and it can be difficult for them to feel ready to learn. Please help your child by ensuring they arrive in good time to say hello to their friends and come into school together. (Of course, we do understand that there are occasional morning emergencies and traffic issues but we would like to maximise the children's learning time.)

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:

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Best wishes,

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