

LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phase 3 Spring 2019 Newsletter

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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.

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.

YEAR 4



Curriculum

This term we are excited to be learning about the Vikings and we are busy planning a visit to the Jorvik Viking Centre – more details to follow soon. We will be delving into all aspects of Viking life as well as learning about the Gods and Goddesses and their stories. Our art and DT will also be based on the Viking period, including creating some Viking long ships. In Science we will be investigating materials and their properties. Year 4 will also be learning the violin with Mrs Martin this term. 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. This term we will be getting our Viking on by creating some heads for long ships and dining al fresco.



YEARS 5 & 6

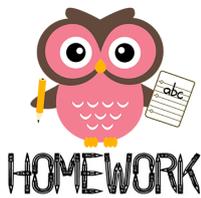
Curriculum

We will be learning about the impact of humans on the planet, including alternatives to single-use plastics, endangered animals, climate change and Fairtrade products. Anglo-Saxons will also be taught alongside this as part of history.

In science, Year 5 will be looking at the differences between life cycles of different fauna and flora. They will then be looking at Earth and Space.

In Computing, Year 6 will be looking at animals including humans and evolution. Year 5 will be coding their own games and then developing their own 3D animations based on Beowulf. As well as this, they will be creating their own websites, looking at e-safety alongside this. During Computing, Year 6 will be focusing on e-safety and staying safe online. Art and DT will be based on our topic. We are going to be creating observational sketches of animals and their eyes using different mediums. They will also be creating Fairtrade pop art in the style of Andy Warhol. We will be researching Fairtrade products and designing our own recipes and making them for our coffee shop. 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.) The children also have TT Rockstars, Sumdog and Prodigy. They already know how to access these themselves.

**TIMES TABLES
ROCKSTARS**

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.

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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 – Spring Term

Year 4 PE is on Tuesdays (with Mr Holmes) and Thursdays. Year 5 PE is on Mondays and Fridays (with Mr Holmes). Year 6 PE is on Tuesdays (with Mr Holmes). Mr Holmes will be teaching hockey this term.



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.

Assemblies

Year 4 class assembly is on **Thursday 14th March 2:45pm**

Year 5 class assembly is on **Thursday 31st January 2:45pm**

Year 6 class assembly is on **Friday 25th January 2:45pm**

Important Dates

PTA Bingo Night – Friday 25th January 6pm

Last day of half term – Thursday 21st February

Parent Consultation Day – Friday 22nd February

Start of half term – Monday 4th March

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

School Photographs – Thursday 28th March

Last day of term – Friday 12th April

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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