



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Phase 2 Spring Newsletter 2019
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A very Happy New Year to all of you.

We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday.

This term, we have planned lots of interesting and exciting activities which will consolidate and extend the progress made by the children last term. We were very pleased with the hard work of the children in Years 2 and 3 and wish to thank all of you for helping to keep the children organised with their belongings, reading regularly, learning spellings and completing homework on time. These things make such a difference to the children feeling happy and settled in school, and show we are all working together to help all our children be 'the best that they can be'.

In February, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Jach back to Year 3 after her maternity leave, although this will mean saying goodbye to Miss McNichol who has been a fantastic addition to our team. We will miss her and hope to work with her again sometime.

Curriculum – look on the website for more detail

This term, in Year 2 we are looking at all forms of transport in our topic 'On the Move'. We are planning a visit to the Streetlife Museum of Transport in Hull on Thursday 14th March. More details to follow soon.

In Year 3, our topic is 'The Vikings'. Details of a trip to The Jorvik Centre will follow shortly.

Homework

Remember that Year 3 children have online access to Numbergym, TTRockstars and Sumdog to practise maths skills at school and at home.

Login details are in your child's planner.

Year 2 have access to Numbergym to practise number bonds and times tables and will be starting TTRockstars this term.

To use Numbergym, type 'Numbergym' into your search engine, click on 'online access'.

Username is l (lowercase L) and password is d.

The homework menu reflects the work we are doing in school and is designed to:

- provide an opportunity for parents to talk about school activities with their child
- practise and develop skills
- spark curiosity or interest in a child about an aspect of their learning
- encourage good homework habits in preparation for older year groups

We expect all children to complete an item from the menu each week. Parents and carers can help and support as you feel appropriate. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns regarding homework.

Here is a reminder about the routine for **Year 2 and Year 3:**

Monday – Spelling book/folder goes home with a list of words to practise.

Tuesday – Bring homework book to school with completed homework.

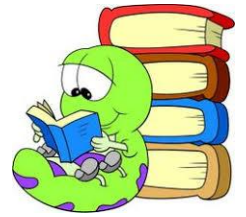
Wednesday – Homework book goes home again.

Friday – Bring spelling book/folder back to school for a spelling quiz.



Reading

So many studies show that reading daily to young children, starting in infancy, can help with language acquisition and literacy skills. This is because reading to children stimulates the part of the brain that allows them to understand the meaning of language and helps to build key language and literacy skills. As well as that, stories are a way of seeing things from the point of view of others and encourage discussion of why a character might have acted in the way they did, helping to improve empathy and social skills.



Children on book boxes continue to need support reading fluently for meaning. Children who are independent readers need support choosing appropriate books for their ability and developing the key skills of inference and deduction (ie. reading between the lines).

Please write in the planner when your child has read at home, either with you or independently, and write 'Please change' when they are ready for a new book.

As well as a reading book, all children have free choice of a book from the school library. Year 2 and 3 visit the library on **Wednesday**. Please ensure they have their library book in school every Wednesday.

Lost Property

Every term we have an enormous amount of unnamed lost property. This is sorted through regularly and clothes which are named are handed back to their owners. Please check that **ALL** of your child's clothes / shoes / PE kit / bags etc are named. Trainers and wellies need to be in a **named** plastic bag.

Forest Schools

There is no forest schools for Year 2 or 3 this half term.



PE – please note change of days

Year 2 PE is on Tuesday and Friday.

Year 3 PE is on Monday and Thursday.

PE may be indoors or outdoors and we expect children to have their full kit as detailed in the planner. We recommend that PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and then left in school all week, so it cannot be forgotten.

Assemblies

Year 3 class assembly is on **Thursday 14th February**.

Year 2 class assembly is on **Thursday 21st February**.

We hope you will be able to join us at 2:45pm to see some of the work your child has been doing at school.

Other Important Dates

- 4.2.19 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
- 22.2.19 Parent / Teacher meeting Day (This is a Training Day and the children are not at school)
- 22.2.19 School closes for half term
- 4.3.19 Back to school after half term
- 7.3.18 World Book Day (Start planning your book character dressing up outfit!)
- 12.4.19 School closes at 3:15pm for Easter holidays

29.4.18 Back to school after Easter holidays

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 or make an appointment via the planner. Alternatively, you can email any of us using the addresses below. Please note that we do not have time to check emails in the morning before the start of school - do phone if it is urgent.

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