

LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phase 3 Summer 2019 Newsletter

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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. We would like to thank you all for your continued support in ensuring your child was well-equipped and organised for 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.

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 6 SATs

The SATs are taking place for Year 6 from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. This is the programme:

Monday: Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Tests

Tuesday: English Reading Test

Wednesday: Mathematics 1

Thursday: Mathematics 2 & 3

The rest of Phase 3 will also be formally assessed in English and maths over the term.

Outdoor Learning Week

Outdoor Learning Week is from 1st - 5th July this year, which will also include our annual Sports Day races at the University of York track and activity morning at school. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for this week as we will be outside the whole time. Sun hats and sun cream applied are essential. On Wednesday the 12th June KS2 will once again be visiting the Harrogate Showground for the Countryside Day – more details to follow.



YEAR 4

Curriculum

This term we are excited to be learning about Chocolate and Rainforests. We are busy planning a visit to the Castle Museum– more details to follow soon. We will be learning all about how chocolate is made, where it comes from and how it is used. We will also be

finding out about the structure of rainforests and all the creatures that live there. Our art and DT will also be based on our topic. There will be observation drawing (including drawing techniques) and the design and making of chocolate boxes. In Science we will be investigating the human body and animal habitats. For further details of the Maths and English curriculum, please see our website and curriculum overview.

Forest Schools

Year 4 will be working in the forest on most Wednesday afternoons. Please can you ensure that the children have suitable clothing for the outdoor activities. They will still require wellingtons and water proofs but also sun hats for when it is warm.



YEARS 5 & 6

Curriculum

This term our topic will be based on the Ancient Egyptians. We shall be immersing ourselves in the Ancient Egyptian culture and learning about the physical and human geography of Egypt; we will be looking into the History of the Egyptian Empire; the art and culture and what Egypt is like today.

Our Year 6 science will be focused on 'Evolution' and 'Living Things and their habitats' and Year 5 on 'Forces' and 'Space'. In art and DT, we will be working on masks, linked to Ancient Egypt, as well as clay model making. In Computing, Year 5 will be creating and editing movies. Year 6 will be creating presentations and movies. In RE, Year 5 will be studying what peace means to different religions, Year 6 are learning about places of worship and will also be working on transition to Y7 in PSHE. We will continue to have a weekly singing assembly with Mrs Newton. For further details of the Maths and English curriculum, please see our website and curriculum overview.

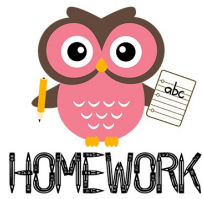
Sex and Relationship Education

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.

Also, we will endeavour to ask a professional to talk with the children about hygiene and a new mum to talk about the development of her new born child.

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.



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 practice 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 – Spring Term

Year 4 PE is on Tuesdays (with Mr Holmes) and Thursdays (swimming). Year 5 PE is on Mondays and Fridays. Year 6 PE is on Tuesdays (with Mr Holmes). Mr Holmes will be teaching athletics and cricket 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. However, in the hot weather if children wish to get their kit washed please make sure that your child has a kit ready for the next lesson. 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 their own medical tape to cover them during PE sessions.

Assemblies

There will not be any class assemblies in Phase 3 this term, other than the Y6 Leavers' Assembly as we will be putting on our show – 'Super Stan' (dates below).

Important Dates

School Closed (Bank Holiday) – Monday 6th May
SATs week (Y6) Mon 13th May to Thurs 16th May
Last day of half term – Friday 24th May
Start of half term – Monday 3rd June
Y6 Bikeability starts – Friday 7th June
Heslington Community Summer Fayre – Saturday 22nd June 2-5pm
Outdoor Learning week – 1st – 5th July
Sports Day @ LDPS – Tues 2nd July AM
Sports Day @ Uni – 5th July PM
Y6 Leavers' Party @ York Maze – 5th July
'Super Stan' Phase 3 show – Tues 9th July 1.30pm, Weds 10th & Thurs 11th 6pm.
Transition Days (within school) – Weds 17th & Thurs 18th July
Last day of term – Friday 19th July Y6 Assembly 2pm.

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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