

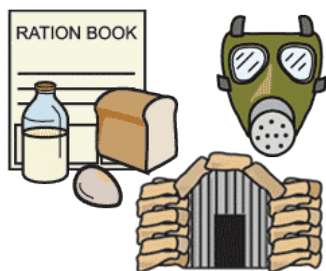


**LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Phase 3 Autumn 2019 Newsletter**  
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Welcome to a new school year in Years 4,5&6. We hope you all had a relaxing summer and that the children are ready for new challenges and some fun. As you know, we are now working and planning as our new 'Phases' and therefore Years 4,5&6 will be studying the same topics.

There will be a Phase 3 Welcome Meeting for Parents and Carers at 2.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Please join us to find out more about this term and meet the Phase 3 team. A Robinwood meeting has also been planned at 3.15pm, following the welcome meeting, for Year 6 Parents and Carers to find out more about the upcoming trip.

### Curriculum



Our history and geography topic this term is based on 'World War 2'. 2019 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of this terrible event. The children will be learning about the reasons for the war beginning and the outcomes, both politically and to the people of the time. A visit to Eden Camp has been organised for Year 4&5 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. (A letter outlining the details will follow) Our topic will also include dance, art, DT and learning about what life, culture and fashions were like at the time.

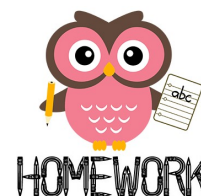
### Homework and Spellings

We have been delighted by the hard work, imagination and care the children put into their homework over the last few years. We know this is only possible with your support and we thank all parents for ensuring homework, spellings and maths 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. The vast majority of children understand their homework instructions and bring 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 Read Theory, Sumdog, TT Rockstars and Prodigy to develop maths skills at school and at home.***



## 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. Please remember to sign and date the homework menu as well to show which activities have been completed.

Our spellings are based on government statutory guidance for Year 3&4 and Year 5&6. If you wish to know more, go to the classroom pages on our website [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/239784/English\\_Appendix\\_1\\_-\\_Spelling.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf) . Scroll down to find the Year 3&4 spelling information (starts on page 11) and Year 5&6 (starts page 18)

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.

### Year 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 ensure they bring their book into school on Fridays.

**Wednesday:** Maths homework is to be handed in on the following Monday. This may be in books, sheets, a task or online.

**Wednesday:** Learning journals are for more open ended and independent homework. These will usually be based on science or geography or 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. Please remember to sign and date the homework menu as well to show which activities have been completed.

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 and sign as indicated.

Tables and mental maths activities are also very important, so working on these at home is beneficial.

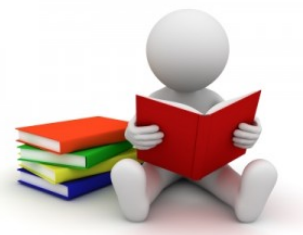
Homework	Set	Due in
Maths	Wednesday	Monday (the next week)
Menu	Wednesday	Monday (the next week)
Spellings	Monday	Friday

## 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 reach 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 sentences and encourage the use of 'voices' for the characters.



## PE

Year 4 PE is on Wednesdays and Fridays (with Mr Holmes). Year 5 PE is on Tuesdays (with Mr Holmes) and Thursdays. Year 6 PE is on Mondays and Tuesdays (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 kits remain in school until half term so they cannot be forgotten. Earrings have to be removed for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, please remove them at home 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

Return to school – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Phase 3 welcome meeting 2.30pm followed by Robinwood Parents Meeting – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Photographers in school (Individual and family groups) – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Robinwood Trip Y6 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Harvest – 11<sup>th</sup> October

Non-uniform day and PTA Disco – October 24<sup>th</sup>

Half Term holiday starts – end of school Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Parent Consultation Day Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Return to school – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Y4&5 Eden Camp Trip – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas holidays start – end of school Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Assemblies

There will not be any class assemblies in Phase 3 this term.

## Forest Schools

Unfortunately, we will not be able to use our Forest for a little while due to some essential tree maintenance. However, please can you ensure that the children have suitable clothing for outdoor activities as we can still use the grounds. They will still require wellingtons and waterproofs but also sun hats for when it is warm.



## 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 medical 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 e.g. 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.)

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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