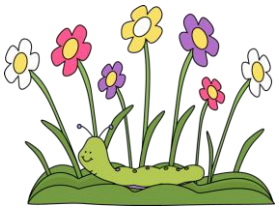

LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Phase 2 Spring Newsletter 2020
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A very Happy New Year to all of you.
We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday.

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'.

Curriculum – look on the website for more detail
This term, our topic is the historical event of the Great Fire of London. We plan to learn about London, daily life in the past, Samuel Pepys and the Fire Service. Year 3 will look at the historical context of the Tudors and Stuarts.
Some fire fighters are coming to visit with their fire engine and we are planning a visit to Barley Hall.

Homework

Remember that Year 3 children have online access to TTRockstars and Sumdog to practise maths skills at school and at home.
Login details are in your child's planner.
Year 2 will be starting TTRockstars later this term.

A new homework menu will be coming home soon. 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 Phase 3.

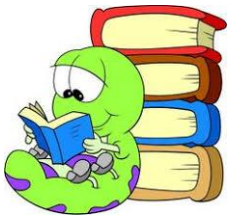
We expect children to complete an item from the menu each week. Parents and carers can help and support as you feel appropriate. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns regarding homework.

Timetables

	Year 2	Year 3
Monday	Bring spelling folder to school Forest School	
Tuesday	PE Spelling folder goes home	PE Bring homework book to school
Wednesday		Library Homework book goes home
Thursday	PE Bring homework book to school	PE Bring spelling book to school
Friday	Library Homework book goes home	Spelling book goes home

PE may be indoors or outdoors so please make sure the children have their full kit as outlined in the planner.

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 tick in the planner when your child has read at home, either with you or independently, and tick the 'Ready to Change' box when they are ready for a new book. Books can be changed any day.

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

Year 2 will start Forest Schools on Monday 13th January and will be outside every Monday afternoon until the half term holiday. Please make sure your child has warm and waterproof clothes every week as we go outside in all weathers. Wellies / waterproof boots need to be in a named bag in the storage box outside the classroom.

Year 3 will start Forest School sessions **after** the half term holiday.

Assemblies
Year 2 class assembly is on **26th March.**
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.
Year 3 class assembly will be after the Easter break.

Other Important Dates

15.1.19	Phase 2 and 3 maths morning. Pop in between 9am and 10am to see some of the ways children learn maths in Phase 2 and Phase 3.
4.2.20	Fire engine visit
5.2.20 and 6.2.20	Parent / Teacher consultation evenings
14.2.20	Non-Uniform day
	Close for Half Term Holiday
24.2.20	School opens after Half Term Holiday
5.3.20	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character
3.4.20	Close for Easter Holiday
20.4.20	School opens after Easter Holiday

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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Best wishes,
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