



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
Phase 2 Summer Newsletter 2021  
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We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Easter holiday and wish to thank you again for all your support during lockdown.

The children settled back into their classes really well last term and we are keeping everything crossed that this term will pass as normally as possible. The classes are still working separately in 'bubbles' and we are continuing to follow all the Covid-19 guidelines in order to ensure that school stays open. Please help us by ensuring that your child does not come to school if they display any symptoms which may be Covid-19.

We always look forward to the summer term and have planned lots of interesting and exciting activities for the children. In every subject we will be identifying gaps brought about by interrupted schooling, and aiming to ensure that no child misses a key part of their school education. We will continue to support children who require a bit of extra help, and extend the learning of those who need it, just as we have always done.

We wish to thank all of you for helping to keep the children organised with their belongings, reading regularly and arriving at school 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'.

This term, in Phase 2 our topic is 'On the Move'. More information about curriculum coverage can be found on our website.

### **Homework**

A new homework menu will be emailed out via ParentPay and will also be stuck in your child's homework book. 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 encourage 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.



Year 2:

Homework books: Home every Thursday and return to school every Tuesday.  
Spelling folders: Home every Monday and return to school every Friday.

Year 3:

Homework books: Home every Friday and return to school every Wednesday.  
Spelling books: Home every Friday and return to school every Thursday.

Year 2 have access to NumBots to practise number facts, and Year 3 children have online access to TTRockstars and Sumdog. The children's passwords are in their planners.

### Reading

Please read regularly with your child. No amount of reading in school can surpass the positive influence of a parent. If your child is reluctant, you could start off by reading the book to them and chatting to them about the story. Another time, you could read a sentence and then the child reads it back to you, or you could read alternate sentences / words. A reading routine often works well or a reward system – “After we have read, you can.....”



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 (i.e. reading between the lines). Ideally, we would like all children to read at home most days. Please write the title of your child's book and tick in the planner when your child has read at home, either with you or independently, and tick 'Please change' when they are ready for a new book. Children can change books any day of the week.

As well as a reading book, all children have free choice of a book from the school library. Year 2 will swap library books on a **Wednesday** and Year 3 will change books on a rota.

### 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/water bottles etc. are named. Trainers and wellies need to be in a **named** plastic bag.

### Forest Schools

Starting this week, Year 2 will have Forest School on a Monday and Year 3 on a Tuesday. Please can all children have their kit in school each week. We will go into the forest whatever the weather so they do need clothes that will keep them warm and dry.



### PE

Year 2 PE is on Wednesday 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.

### Dates for Diaries (all dates/events subject to change if Covid rules change)

3.5.21	May Day bank holiday
Week beginning 17.5.21	parent / carer meetings with the teacher via telephone (but please contact us anytime if you have a particular issue you wish to discuss)
28.5.21	Teacher training day and start of Half Term Holiday
7.6.21	School open again

Week beginning 21.6.21	Outdoor Learning Week (includes sports fun morning on Wednesday)
2.7.21	Sports day at the University
End of 23.7.21	Summer Holidays start

If you wish to see us about any aspect of your child's life in school, please email any of us using the addresses below or telephone the school office. 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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