



**Lord Deramore's
Primary School**



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Headteacher Update

PE and Sports

Lord Deramore's was praised this week on Minster FM for increasing and improving its provision for PE, sports and after-school club provision. Listen here at 2mins 30secs:

<https://soundcloud.com/minsterfm/total-sports-update-november-2017>



Halloween Fun

Thank you to the PTA for organising an excellent Halloween Disco and pumpkin trail in the forest. The children's designs were wonderful – they were certainly testament to the high levels of creativity and imagination evident at Lord Deramore's.

Bingo Night 2017

Another thank you needs to go to the PTA volunteers who supported Miss Smith (and her sidekick Mr Sharpe) in the school's family bingo night. We raised a highly impressive £847.31, which will all go towards your children and supporting the school's work. Please save the date **Friday 26th January** and book those babysitters. We will be hosting an adults' quiz and curry night – more details to follow soon.



Harvest Festival

The school received a letter of thanks from Carecent for all of the generous donations you all gave at our Infant and Junior Harvest Festival assemblies. It was lovely to welcome you all in and share with you some of our seasonal learning.

Morning Drop Offs

With over 95% of feedback received favouring the new drop-off routines, we are going to continue opening doors at 8.40a.m. Please remember, however, that school officially starts at **8.50a.m.** and children should be in class by that time.



KS2 Reading Morning

It was lovely to see so many of you join us for our Key Stage 2 reading morning. Events such as these are really important for parents and carers. They give you an insight into how we teach certain subjects within school and also allow you to see the progress your child is making. Mrs McCormack is organising some writing workshops for you to take part in next term. More details will follow soon.

Different Families, Same Love

Thank you to everybody who sent in a family photograph. We have created a lovely display in the main school corridor, which celebrates the wonderful diversity of our families here at Lord Deramore's Primary School.



Congratulations, Mrs Pierotti!



I am very pleased to announce that, following a robust recruitment process, Mrs Sarah Pierotti was permanently appointed as Teaching Assistant for Upper Key Stage 2. Mrs Pierotti now works in Year 5 every morning of the week, providing additional support within Years 5 and 6 alongside Mr Richards, Mr Sharpe and Mrs Lee. She is also supporting the Special Educational Needs work of Mrs Hitchon three afternoons per week.

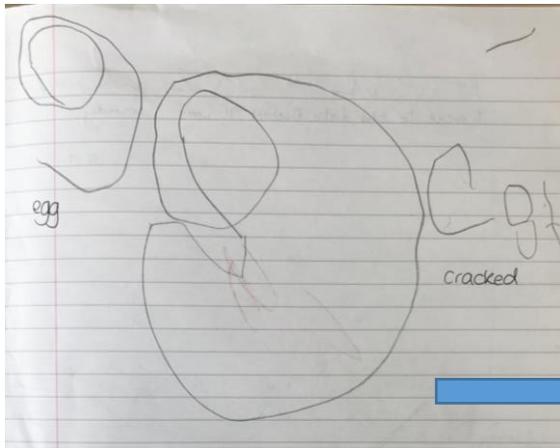


Creative Curriculum

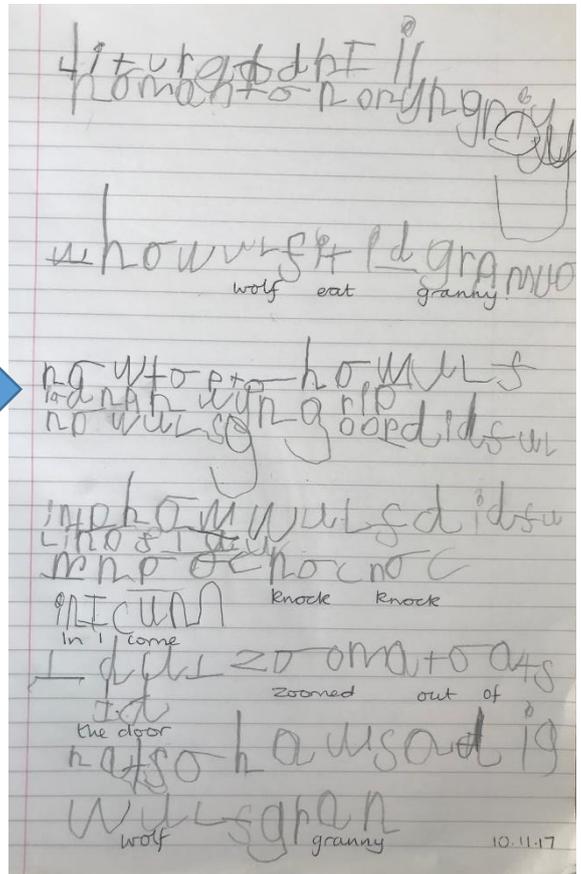
Throughout October and November, I have been showing many prospective parents around our school and showcasing to them what an exciting place Lord Deramore's is to grow and learn. It has been truly wonderful to let them see first-hand how play and enjoyment is not just part of our Early Years curriculum but runs all the way through our classes. Whether it be using ICT to film Ancient Greek battle scenes in the forest area or having a visit from our very own Greek God - Adam Sharpeseus (aka Mr Sharpe) – our visitors leave Lord Deramore's knowing that it certainly is a fun and happy place for any child to be.

Writing Across the School

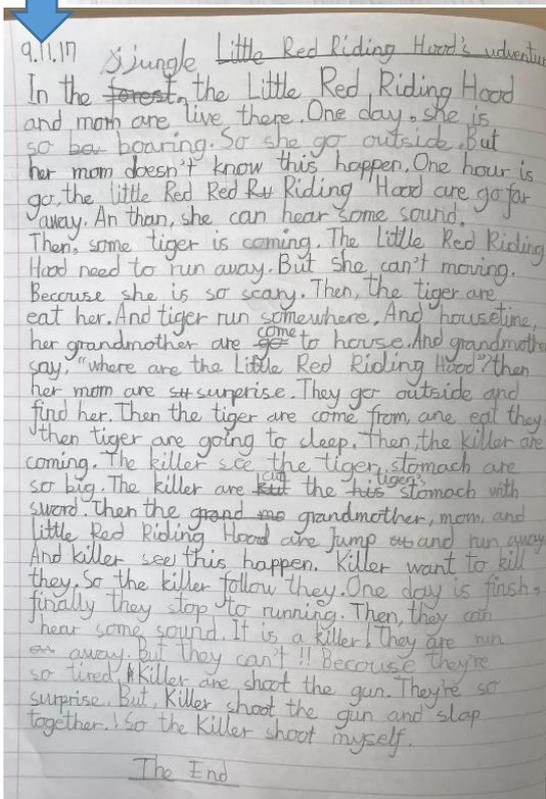
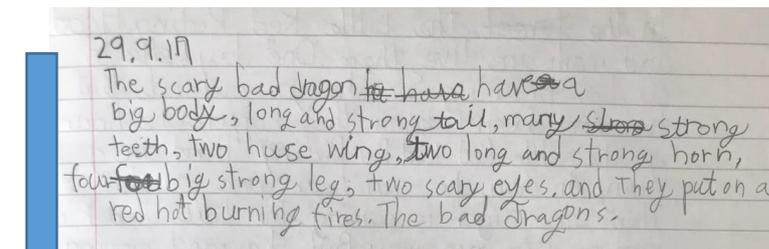
As I mentioned in my last update, one of our key focuses this year is on improving writing progress and attainment across the school. This week, every child has written an independent 'Little Red Riding Hood' story so that staff can assess and moderate the progression of writing standards from Early Years right up to Year 6. It has been fantastic to see some outstanding progress across the school, comparing writing from summer term to now. Keep up the great work!



From Early Years in June to November in Year 1, look at the progress here!



The second pieces show the progress of one Year 3 child in September to now



Parking

Please can I ask that you do not park or drop off at the building site entrance / driveway. With many children walking along the pavement there, it is best not to have cars reversing and pulling out. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contact Details

Can you please ensure that school always has an up-to-date emergency contact number. If you have changed mobile phone numbers recently, school must be informed straight away so that we can contact you in case of an emergency. You can email any changes to lorderamores.primary@york.gov.uk



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Please do remember to visit our Facebook and Twitter pages regularly to gain an insight into all of our work in providing the very best education for your children.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend together,

James Rourke
Headteacher