



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Phase 2 Spring Newsletter 2022

We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to an exciting term of activities.

Mr Richards will be away from school for a few weeks this half term for a planned operation. Andrew Tessier will be teaching Year 3 during Mr Richards' absence. Mr Tessier was in school on Friday to meet the class and to plan with Mr Richards. If you have any queries during Mr Richards' absence, please email Miss McCormack.

Miss Skelton, a third-year student teacher, will be joining Year 2 this term. Miss Skelton will be planning and teaching alongside Miss McCormack and Miss Massey.



Topic

This term, our Phase 2 topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be learning about: London in the 1660s and today, what happened during the Great Fire and how we know, what led to so many houses burning down, how so many people survived, whether anything could have been done to slow the spread of the fire and about the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire.

We will be having a number of special visitors into school as part of our Great Fire of London topic. More information will be shared nearer the time as we don't want to spoil any surprises! We will also be rearranging the Year 3 visit to York Mosque as soon as we can.

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/carers 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

Please can all children complete an item from the menu weekly. Parents and carers can help and support as you feel appropriate. Please do talk to us if you have any concerns regarding homework.

Year 2: Homework books sent home every Thursday and returned to school every Wednesday.



Year 3: Homework books sent home every Friday and returned to school every Wednesday.

Year 2 have access to NumBots to practise number facts and Year 3 children have access to TTRockstars and Sumdog. Later this term, we will give Year 2 children access to TTRockstars too. The children's passwords are in their planners.

Reading



Please continue to read regularly with your child at home. Frequently reading with and to an adult has a real impact on a children's reading ability. Even once children are fluent and confident readers, reading regularly at home makes a real difference to children's comprehension of what they are reading.

Please can the children bring their reading book and planner to school daily.

Children can change their library books daily in class. We would encourage all children to change their library books on the class library change days so they have a bigger range of books to select from:

Year 2: Friday

Year 3: Monday

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** your child's clothes / shoes / PE kit / bags/water bottles etc. are named.



Forest Schools

Please can all children have their kit in school each week. Both classes will have forest school sessions throughout the half term and will be going into the forest in all kinds of weather. We are very lucky to have new welly boot stands. Please can all welly boots be named so they don't get muddled up on the stands.

PE

Year 2 PE is on Tuesday and Friday.

Year 3 PE is on Monday and Tuesday.

Please can the children bring their full kit as detailed in the planner. If you have any difficulties, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Dates for Diaries (all dates subject to change due to covid)

Tuesday 15th February: Parent Consultations Years 2-6 3:30 – 7:00

Thursday 17th February: Parent Consultations Years 2-6 @3:30 – 5:30

Friday 18th February: Non-uniform day

Saturday 19th February to Sunday 26th February: Half Term

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Friday 1st April: International Celebration Event @ 3:00 – 5:30



Friday 8th April: End of Term

Thank you, as ever, for all your on-going support. If you wish to see us about any aspect of your child's life in school, please email us using the addresses below or telephone the office. Please note that we do not always 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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