



7th September 2022

Dear Parent/carer

Welcome back to the new school year. A particular welcome to those who are new to our school community. We hope you settle in quickly. If you have any questions about anything, do not hesitate to ask. Most of the classes in school have Parent WhatsApp groups which can be invaluable for keeping up to date – do speak to the other parents to find out how to be included in these groups.

Start of School

The classroom doors open at 8.40 and all children should be in school by 8.50 which is the official start of school. If children arrive after this time, they will be marked as late on the register. Key skills in maths, handwriting and spelling are taught at the start of the day, so it is important that all children are in school and ready to learn by 8.50 each morning. We understand that sometimes circumstances mean that your child may arrive after the gates have been closed – in this situation, please take your child to the office.

Coming on to site

Please enter the school grounds through any of the pedestrian accesses. Children can make their way to the classroom from either direction, whichever is most convenient. At the end of the day, the Y5/6 children will be led round the side of school past the Early Years classroom. Parents of Y5 and 6 children should wait on the playground for their child. The Y4 children will be led out of school via the hall door. Please wait for your child either on the playground or on the small carpark. Please tell your child where you will be waiting for them. If you need to speak to the teacher, please do so at the end of the school day.

Lunchtimes



New menus for this term can be found on the website [Meals and Snacks – Lord Deramore's Primary School \(lordderamores.com\)](http://Meals and Snacks – Lord Deramore's Primary School (lordderamores.com)) The daily charge for a school meal is £2.40 per child. All payments for school meals need to be made through ParentPay. There is a weekly minimum charge of £12.00. This will cover either five meals per week or one meal per week for five weeks or any other combination. You will get reminders from ParentPay when your account balance needs replenishing together with an email from school to say if you owe any money.

Alternatively, your child may want to bring a packed lunch. Please ensure the packed lunches are well-balanced and healthy. There should be no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks and all packaging and boxes should be plastic – no glass please. We are a **nut free** school so please ensure there are no nuts in any of the food you provide. Lunch boxes should be placed on the correct trolley, at the front of school, at the start of the day and collected from the trolleys at home time.

The Curriculum

Details of our curriculum and the topics we are covering in each area can be found on our school website: [Curriculum Planning & Progression – Lord Deramore's Primary School \(lordderamores.com\)](http://Curriculum Planning & Progression – Lord Deramore's Primary School (lordderamores.com)) – we are following Year A.

Our topic title is Rivers and we are in the process of organising a trip in to York to look at the rivers Ouse and Foss. We will also have a river cruise on the sight seeing boat and hopefully visit the rescue boat. More details to follow.

Music, MFL and PE

Music will be taught by Mrs Martin. Each class will learn to play a musical instrument:

Year 4 – violin

Year 5 – ukulele

Year 6 – percussion

Each class will also be taught games by Mr Holmes, dance and gymnastics by Miss Havercroft and French (Modern Foreign Languages) by Madam Lawrence.

Forest and PE days



Year Group	PE days	Forest Day
Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday and Wednesday	Friday



Please ensure FULL PE kit (**named**) is in school at all times. We will send it home at half term or earlier if it needs washing.

Please provide clothing and footwear suitable for the forest (wellies or walking boots, waterproof trousers and coat, hat and gloves when it is cold). Forest kit will be sent home each week if it has been wet during the session. Please note that Forest sessions will not be every week but you will be informed when they are happening.

Homework

The purpose of homework is to encourage independent learning and to practise skills taught in school. We recognise that families and children are busy both after school and the weekends and so we endeavour to keep homework to a minimum. The activities we ask children to do are open ended and so those who wish to take their home learning further are free to do so.

Research shows that the most effective homework at primary age are activities that practise key skills such as reading and times tables recall.

Details of the homework is as follows:

Reading	Children should read their reading book. Encourage them to read at least some of it aloud, ask them questions and talk about what they have read. Children also hugely benefit from being read to by an adult so continue to enjoy sharing books that you read to your child. Please tick and comment in the planner when your child has read.
Maths	TTRockstars Times tables knowledge and quick recall is extremely useful for mathematical confidence, spotting patterns and fluency in calculating. TTRockstars is a fun but effective way of teaching, practising and speedily recalling multiplication facts.
Menu	The menu will contain some ideas for activities that link to our learning in school. The aim is to help parents and carers know what children are learning about in school and encourage children to be independent and creative as they explore new ways of learning. There is no expectation for anything to be handed in but we always enjoy seeing models, pictures, videos etc if any children so want to share what they have done.

Welcome Meetings

There will be a welcome meeting for Phase 3 on Zoom on Thursday 22nd September at 4.30pm. During the meeting, we will go over key routines, an overview of our learning and key dates. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Topic: Phase 3 Welcome Meeting

Time: Sep 22, 2022 04:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81757738689?pwd=ckxqV1J6MGZBNXFjNzhDZ2tWVHcyZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 5773 8689

Passcode: UMd15M

If you have a specific question concerning your child, either speak to the class teacher before or after school or email on:

Mr Geddes ageddes@lordseramores.com

Mrs Carr rcarr@lordderamores.com

Miss Smith hsmith@lordderamores.com

Y6 Visit to Robinwood

The Year 6 class will be visiting Robinwood from 26th-28th September. You will receive all the necessary details from Miss Smith at the Meet the Teacher meeting on ***** September.

Dates for the Diary

Below are some important dates for the term:

Tuesday 7 th September	Return to school for all year groups
Tuesday 14 th September 10am	Sports morning at the university
Thursday 22 nd September 4.30pm	Phase 3 welcome meeting via Zoom
Monday 26 th - Wednesday 28 th September	Year 6 visit to Robinwood
Friday 7 th October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 11 th and Thursday 13 th October	Parent consultations
Thursday 20 th October	Halloween disco
Friday 21 st October	School closes for half term
Monday 31 st October	School reopens after half term
Friday 18 th November	Non-uniform day for Children In Need
Wednesday 14 th December	Visit to the Pantomime and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas party
Friday 16 th December	School closes for Christmas



If you have any questions, please speak to or email your class teacher.

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Phase 3 Team