



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phase 2 Spring Newsletter 2023

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

Curriculum

This term, our Phase 2 topic is 'Explorers'. We will be learning about people who have made their voyages by land and in space and will develop our understanding of time, change, chronology. We will also be learning about how we find out about the past. As part of our topic, we will be developing our knowledge of the world's continents and oceans and the Northern Hemisphere. If you want to know more about what we will be learning in school, you can look at the knowledge organiser in your child's planner.

We will be having some visitors into school and going on a school visit as part of our topic. More details will be sent out shortly.

In art, we will be learning about printing techniques and will focus on collagraphs and in DT, the children will investigate, design, make and evaluate their own puppets.

In RE, Year 2 will be learning about religious celebrations and Year 3 will be learning about prayer. Following on from their work on Islam last term, Year 2 will be visiting the mosque. More details will follow shortly.

In science lessons, Year 2 children will be learning about materials and their uses whilst Year 3 will learn about rocks and, after half term, animals including humans.

During our Jigsaw lessons, we will be learning about Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me.

In music, the children will continue to learn to play the ocarina and the recorder. Music lessons are taught by our music specialist, Mrs Martin.

Details of our curriculum and the topics we are covering in each area can be found on our school website: <https://lordderamores.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Phase-2-LTP.pdf> We are following Year B.

Homework

A new homework menu will be emailed out via ParentPay and will also be available on the school website. 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 as well as to spark curiosity or interest about an aspect of learning.

There is no expectation that children will complete any/all of the items on the menu but we are always very happy to see and share any homework the children have completed.

Your child might be sent specific key skills to learn and / or practise at home. Year 2 have access to NumBots to practise number facts and Year 3 children have access to TTRockstars and Numbots. 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. Evidence shows that children need to be able to read at a rate of around 90 words per minute to read with real comprehension. Regular reading and rereading are the

keys to developing this.

Once children are fluent and confident readers, reading regularly with an adult makes a real difference to 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: Tuesday

Year 3: Wednesday

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

Year 2 will use the forest on **Mondays** until half term. Year 3 will use the forest on some **Tuesdays**. Children will need clothing to keep them warm and dry and wellies/boots on the following dates -

Monday 9th January

Monday 16th January

Monday 23rd January

Monday 30th January

Monday 6th February



PE

Year 2 PE is on **Tuesday and Friday**.

Year 3 PE is on **Thursday and Friday**.

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. If children bring shoes with laces, please ensure they can tie these independently.

All Year 2 PE lessons will be led by Mr Holmes, Year 2 will be learning about health-related exercise, dance and dodging and weaving games. Year 3 will be learning about health related exercise, dance, hockey and tag rugby.

Dates for Diaries

Tuesday 10 th January	Parents Maths Workshop
Monday 30 th January	Whole school careers day
Tuesday 7 th February to Friday 10 th February	School Book Fair
Tuesday 7 th February	Parent Consultations Years 2-6 3:30 – 7:00
Thursday 9 th February	Parent Consultations Years 2-6 @3:30 – 5:30
Friday 10 th February	Non-uniform day
Saturday 11 th February to Sunday 19 th February	Half Term
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 10 th March	Year 3 Pedestrian training
Friday 31 st 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 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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