



Phase 2 Autumn Term **Newsletter**

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WELCOME BACK! A very warm welcome to the autumn term. We hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. A special welcome to those families joining Lord Deramore's for the first time. Most classes in school have a parent / carer WhatsApp group that are really useful for keeping up to date. Do speak to other families about how to join these.

In Phase 2 this year, Mrs Gulliver and Miss McCormack are the Year 2 teachers and Mrs Hiles and Mrs Charters are the Year 3 teachers. Mrs Graham, Ms Howland and Mrs Matravers will be working as teaching assistants across Phase 2. Miss McCormack is the Phase 2 leader.

Welcome Meetings

We are very pleased to be holding welcome meetings in person for all parents and carers. These meetings will give you an opportunity to see your child's classroom and to find out more about day-to-day routines etc.

Year 2: Wednesday 13th September @ 2:45 – 3:10.

Year 3: Monday 11th September @ 2:45 – 3:10

We will share the slides via ParentPay after the meetings have taken place.

Communication

Each week, we send out a Weekly Note via ParentPay. We urge parents and carers to read these notes as they contain important information about upcoming events and details of what your child needs to bring to school each day. If you have any suggestions about how we can make the weekly notes more useful, please email Miss McCormack.

Homework

We recognise families and children are busy both after school and at 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 activities at primary age are ones that practise key skills such as reading and number bond / times tables recall.

Each half term, a home learning menu will be sent to families via ParentPay and added to the Phase 2 section of our website. All the activities will be linked to our learning in school. The children are welcome to bring in any home learning to share. However, the menu homework is optional.

We will send home basic skills activities for children to practise when needed to support their learning in class and would encourage families to practise these with the children.

We ask that the children spend time each week on Numbots or TTRockstars to practise recall of number facts (10 minute practises are ideal). Year 2 will be start Numbots during the first half term and TT Rockstars after Christmas.

Reading

We strongly encourage all families in Phase 2 to hear their child read as frequently as possible, even if it is just for five minutes a day. Research shows that children who read more frequently, make better progress even once they are fluent readers.

This year, due to rising costs, we will not be having planners. Each phase has a simple replacement, mainly to record reading in. The Phase 2 reading record has space to be initialled or signed by an adult each time your child reads at home.

Library

Your child will bring a library book home to share each week. Your child may not be able to read this book independently, especially if they are in Year 2. It would be great if you could share it with them. Continuing to read to children as they become independent readers, has a huge impact on reading fluency and on the likelihood of them continuing to read independently for pleasure. The children can also change their library book in the classroom any day of the week and will have a visit to the school library once a week.

Curriculum

This term, our phase topic is Weather. We will be learning about daily and seasonal weather patterns in the UK and comparing this to weather in some other parts of the world including Singapore. As part of this, we would be interested in hearing from any parents / carers who have lived in other parts of the world who would like to talk to the children about their experiences with different weather conditions. More detailed information about our learning this term is available on the school website.

We are currently planning a school visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre and York Mosque and will share more details shortly.

Forest School

Year 2	Monday pm
Year 3	Thursday pm

Please can all children have forest school kit in school. During the autumn term, they might need to have kit suitable for sunny and wet weather. We go outside in the rain so children always need a waterproof coat.

PE

Year 2	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Year 3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Please can the children bring full kit as detailed on the website. We recommend PE kit is left at school for the half term. For health and safety, children must be able to remove any earrings before PE lessons. If their ears have only recently been pierced, and the earrings cannot be removed, please send your child with medical tape. Please can children with long hair tie it back during PE lessons. If children have trainers with laces, please can they learn to tie these independently. Thank you for your help!

Food and Drink

All children in Phase 2 need to bring in a water bottle daily. Please can water bottles be clearly named. We ask that the children **only bring in water** to drink. If your child would like milk at break, this is ordered through ParentPay.

We encourage the children to bring a snack of **fruit or veg** for morning break (e.g., whole fresh fruit, berries, cherry tomatoes, sugar snap peas, sticks of carrot, celery, cucumber, pepper). Please can the children not bring anything else for morning snack for allergy reasons and so that we can avoid litter outside. We will provide a similar snack for afternoon break in Year 2.

Start and End of the School Day

We will open the doors each morning **at 8:40 and close them at 8:45**. Any children who arrive after 8:45 need to come into school through the main office to ensure all registers are accurate.

Year 2: The children enter and leave via the classroom door.

Year 3: The children will come in by themselves around the side of the building behind the school hall. At the end of the day, the children will come out the same way and will wait for parents/carers near the bike shed with their teacher. They are regularly reminded to find an adult from school if they cannot see their parent/carer.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions, queries or concerns. You can contact us via the school office or by sending an email:

Miss McCormack: mmccormack@lordderamores.com

Mrs Gulliver: agulliver@lordderamores.com

Mrs Hiles: lhiles@lordderamores.com

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Best wishes,

Mary McCormack, Alison Gulliver, Lydia Hiles, Beth Charters, Debbie Graham
Lara Howland, Julika Matravers



Welcome Meetings	Year 3: Monday 11th September @ 2:45 – 3:10 Year 2: Wednesday 13th September @ 2:45 – 3:10
Parent Consultations	Monday 16th October and Thursday 19th October
Halloween disco / Pumpkin competition	Thursday 26th October
Half Term holiday starts	End of school Friday 27th October
Return to school	Monday 6th November
Children in Need non- uniform day	Friday 17th November
Christmas Fair	Friday 1st December
Phase 2 Nativity	Wednesday 13th December @ 2:00 and Thursday 14th December @ 9:15
Panto visit	Tuesday 19th December
Christmas Dinner Day and Phase 2 Christmas Party	Wednesday 20th December
Christmas holidays start	End of school Friday 22nd December