



## **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 WhatsApp group to help you keep up-to-date with what is going on. Do speak to other parents / carers about how to join these.

This year, Mrs Charters and Miss McCormack are the Year 2 teachers and Mrs Hiles and Mrs Gulliver are the Year 3 teachers. Mrs Graham, Ms Howland, Mrs Pieriotti and Mrs Doughty 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 the day-to-day routines etc.

**Year 2: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September @ 2:45 – 3:10**

**Year 3: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September @ 2:45 – 3:10**

Please come to the main school entrance to join the meeting. We will share the slides via ParentPay after the meetings have taken place.

**Start of School** A reminder that classroom doors open at 8.40 and all children should be in class by 8.45 which is the official start time. We understand that sometimes circumstances mean your child may arrive after the classroom doors have been closed – in this situation, please take your child to the office. Key skills in maths, handwriting and spelling are taught at the start of the day so it is important that all children are in class and ready to learn by 8.45 each morning.

**Lunchtimes and snacks** The menus for this term can be found at: <https://lordderamores.com/information-for-parentscarers/lunches> Please note there should be no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks in packed lunches

and please ensure there are no glass containers. We are a nut-free school, and have a number of children with significant nut allergies, so please ensure there are no nuts or hidden nut products in any of the food you provide.

Children in Phase 2 can bring their own snack at break times. This can be fruit, vegetables or things like crackers and cheese. As with lunches, please ensure that there are no sweets or chocolate bars and that all products are nut free. Please also talk to your child about the importance of not sharing snack foods. For children in Year 2, we will continue to provide a fruit snack at afternoon break. All children in Phase 2 need to bring a named water bottle daily. Please only send water in the children's bottles - this makes any spillages etc. much easier for us to deal with.

If your child would like milk at break times, this can be ordered through ParentPay.

### **Communication**

Each week, we send out a Weekly Note via ParentPay. We urge parents and carers to read these notes **every week** 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 for families, please email Miss McCormack.

### **Reading and homework**

**We strongly encourage all families in Phase 2 to hear their child read as frequently as possible and daily whenever possible. Research shows that children who read more frequently, make more progress even once they are fluent readers.**

We would also encourage all families to continue reading aloud daily to their children throughout Phase 2. Again, evidence shows that children who are read to frequently are more likely to become independent readers.

Miss McCormack and Mrs Jones will be holding parent meetings on supporting children with decoding and reading for pleasure in the coming week.

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, there is no expectation that children will complete an activity each week and we will not be using homework books.

We will send home basic skills activities for children to practise when needed to support their learning in class.

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 introduced to Numbots during the first half term and TT Rockstars after Christmas.

### 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.

The children can also change their library book any day of the week and will have a visit to the school library once a week.

### Curriculum

History	Schools Then and Now We will focus on the following enquiry questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is there a difference between Lord Deramore's Primary School today and in the time of your parents and grandparents?</li> <li>● Would you prefer to have been in Lord Deramore's Primary in the past or now?</li> </ul>
Geography	Place Knowledge: similarities and differences UK/Europe (How is Heslington similar/different to Rome/Italy?) Fieldwork of school grounds and area
Science	Year 2 Plants Year 3 Forces and Magnets
Art	Drawing - pencil sketches including sketches of the old and new schools
DT	Food – Preparing Fruit and Vegetables
Computing	Information Technology: Making music Computer Science: Coding Digital Literacy: Online Safety
RE	Year 2 Who is a Muslim? This will include a visit to York Mosque Y3 Unit What do different people believe about God? Christians and Hindus.
Jigsaw / PSHE	Being Me in My World: 'Who am I and how do I fit?' Celebrating Difference: Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique
Music	Year 2 Ocarina: Posture, low D, A, high D and D major scale Year 3 Recorder: Posture, B, A and G

	Composer: Vivaldi – Four Seasons
PE	Year 2 Football, dance, basketball and multi skills Year 3 Football, gymnastics, netball and basketball
Maths	We will be following Power Maths Year 2: Numbers to 100, addition and subtraction, properties of shape Year 3: Place value within 1000, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.
English	A range of writing including narrative and recount. These will be based around books including: Puffin's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar and Quill Soup by Alan Durant Year 2 will be following the Little Wandle Spelling Programme Year 3 will be following a combination of the Little Wandle Spelling Programme and The Spelling Book

### Forest School

**Year 2:** Thursday pm

**Year 3:** Tuesday pm

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

### PE

**Year 2:** Tuesday (every week) and Wednesday (alternating weekly)

**Year 3:** Monday (every week) and Wednesday (alternating weekly)

Please can the children bring their full kit as detailed on the website. it is important that the children have a change of shoes for PE. 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. If children have trainers with laces, please can they learn how to tie and untie these independently. Thank you for your help with this!

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:

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Best wishes,

The Phase 2 Team