



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phase 2 Summer Newsletter 2025

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Welcome back! We hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Easter holiday. We are very excited about the summer term and all the opportunities we have planned.

Start of School

A reminder that classroom doors open at 8.40 and all children should be in class by **8.45**. 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.

The Curriculum

Our topic in Phase 2 this term is On The Move. We are planning to visit the Hull Streetlife Museum and the Yorkshire Air Museum. Year 3 will also have a visit to Heslington Church. We will end our topic by celebrating with a display of our own vehicles.

History	This term we will be learning about the history of transport. We will focus on the history of trains and aeroplanes. We will learn about George Stephenson and the Wright brothers and will think about their impact. We will also learn about changes to transport within living memory. As part of our topic, we will learn about how we learn about the past and will invite visitors into talk to the children about their own experiences.
Geography	We will be learning about the countries, capitals, cities and regions of the UK. We will then learn about the capital cities of some other European countries and some human and physical geographical features from around the world.
Science	Year 2 will be learning about animals, including humans and will then learn about habitats. In Year 3 , the children will learn about light and plants.
Art	We will be learning about landscape painting. We will learn about some significant landscape artists, develop our own techniques and then create our own landscape paintings.
DT	We will learn about how wheels and axles work. We will use what we learn to design, make and evaluate our own moving vehicles.
Computing	Both classes will be learning about different ways of using software to present information.

	Year 2 will also be developing their touch typing skills.
RE	<p>Year 2 will be thinking about caring for others and what this means in different religions.</p> <p>Year 3 will be learning about what it means to be a Christian in the UK today. They will have an educational visit to Heslington Church.</p>
Jigsaw / PSHE	We will focus on building positive, healthy relationships in the first half term and coping positively with change in the second half term.
Music	<p>The children in Year 2 will continue to learn the ocarina with a focus on playing in two parts.</p> <p>In Year 3 the children will continue to learn the recorder with a focus on learning E and D and a pentatonic scale.</p>
PE	<p>The children will be learning about striking and fielding games as well as athletics and gymnastics.</p> <p>Year 2 will be having additional rugby sessions in the first half term provided by York RLFC. Year 3 will have these sessions in the second half term.</p>
Maths	We will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme of work.
English	<p>Our key texts will be: Journey by Aaron Becker The Tunnel by Anthony Browne</p> <p>We will continue to read aloud daily to the children as well as to share a daily poem.</p> <p>Our writing will include poetry and explanations.</p>

Lunchtimes

The menus for this term can be found at:

<https://lordderamores.com/information-for-parentscarers/lunches>

Please ensure there are 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.

KS1 Statutory Assessments and Phonics Screening Check

For those of you who have had children in Year 2 previously, you will know there used to be statutory assessments in Year 2. This is no longer the case although we will still be completing non-statutory assessments at the end of the summer term.

In June, all children who didn't meet the phonics screening check pass mark in Year 1, or who weren't at school in the UK during Year 1, will need to take the phonics screening check. They will take this check with Miss McCormack and it will be very similar to the day to day phonics work we do in school.

Reading

Please read regularly with your child. No amount of reading in school can surpass the positive influence of an adult at home reading with a child.

There is increasing evidence about the key role reading for pleasure takes in supporting children to be happy and secure as well as enabling them to attain across the curriculum. Two key ways families can support this at home is to continue to read aloud to children even as they become more fluent readers in Phase 2 and to encourage children to read themselves (this might be books, magazines, comics, annuals, e-books etc). All families are welcome to visit the school library after school on a Friday when pupils, their siblings and carers can all borrow books. Staff are always on hand to offer suggestions if needed.

Homework

A new homework menu will be emailed out via ParentPay this week. The homework menu reflects the work we are doing in school and is designed to:

- provide an opportunity for parents 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
- encourage good homework habits in preparation for older year groups

If your child completes any of the homework menu activities, please do bring it in to share.

All children in Phase 2 now have access to Numbots and TTRockstars and we would recommend regular short bursts of practice using these.

The children might also bring home individual basic skills activities to practise e.g. linked to spelling, reading, telling the time etc.

PE and Forest Schools

Year group	PE Days	Forest
2	Tuesdays, alternate Wednesdays, and Thursdays	
3	Mondays and Wednesdays	Tuesdays, before half term

Please ensure FULL PE kit is in school at all times including a change of shoes. We will send it home at half term or earlier if it needs washing. Recently we have had lots of children in Phase 2 without kit meaning we are low on spares. If you have any issues obtaining kit, please do get in touch.

Equipment

As the weather becomes warmer, please send your child to school with a sunhat and in suncream as required. Please can all children also bring a water bottle to school each day.

We are looking forward to an exciting term. If you wish to see us about any aspect of your child's life in school, please email or telephone the school office. Please note that as we may not have time to check emails before the start of school, do phone if a matter is urgent.

Dates for the dairies

Thursday 24th April: International Diversity Celebration

Monday 5th May: Early May Day Bank Holiday - School closed

Friday 16th May: Braiswick Class photographs

Wc Monday 19th May: Outdoor Learning Week

Friday 23rd May: School closes at 3.15pm for May half term

Monday 2nd June: School reopens at normal time of 8.45am

Tuesday 3rd June: 4.30pm Music Concert (families welcome)

Monday 9th June: Phonic Screening Checks this week - it is vital any Y2 children who are taking the check are in school this week

Friday 13th June: Summer Fair (straight after school)

Friday 20th June: Sports fun morning for whole school (families welcome)

Friday 27th June: Race Afternoon at University of York (families welcome)

Friday 12th July: Reports out to parents/carers

Wednesday 16th: July Transition Day (children visiting new classes and teachers)

Thursday 17th July: Transition Day (children visiting new classes and teachers)

PTA Summer Disco after school

Friday 18th July: 2pm – Leavers' Assembly (Y6 families welcome)

School closes at 3.15pm for summer holidays

Best wishes,

The Phase 2 Team