

Phase 2 Autumn Term **Newsletter**

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A warm welcome back to all of our Phase 2 families. We trust you've had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to the term ahead. A special welcome to those families joining Lord Deramore's for the first time. Most classes in school have a parent / carer WhatsApp group. Do speak to other parents / carers about how to join these.

This year, Mrs Gulliver is the Year 2 teacher and Mrs Hiles and Mrs Canham are the Year 3 teachers. Mrs Graham will be working as a teaching assistant across Phase 2. Mrs Hiles 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 17th September @ 2:45pm

Year 3: Monday 8th September @ 2:45pm

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

Communication

Each Friday, we send out a Weekly Note via ParentPay. We urge parents and carers to read these notes as they contain important information about the week ahead, including upcoming events and details of what your child needs to bring to school each day.

Homework

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 do not use these until further into the year and Mrs Gulliver will let you know when the children have their log on details.

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.

After you have heard your child read, please sign their reading record. Reading books and records should be brought in to school & home again each day as staff use them during reading sessions too.



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. You can make a note in your child's reading record to let us know you have shared this book too if you want.

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 seasonal changes within the UK and about hotter and colder areas of the world. We will be comparing weather in contrasting locations and identifying how this affects the everyday lives of people who live there.

More detailed information about our learning this term is available on the school website.

Forest School

Year 2: Monday pm

Year 3: Thursday pm

Please can all children have their (named) forest school kit in school. During the autumn term, they might need to have a 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 and Friday

Year 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Please can the children bring their 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. If children have trainers with laces, please can they learn how to tie and untie these independently. Thank you for your help with this!

Trips & Enrichments

Below is a list of the trips and enrichment opportunities planned for the next year along with an *estimate* in costing. Please note, families in receipt of free school meals do not need to pay. If families have any concerns over these, or any school financing, they are welcome to speak with us/office staff confidentially.

Trip/Enrichment	When	Cost	What am I paying for?
Diwali celebration (Year 2 only)	October	£2	Diwali food for children
York Mosque (Year 2 only)	November	£2	Cost of bus fare
National Science and Media Museum	November	£10	Coach fare
Pantomime Whole School	December	£20	Coach, pantomime, ice cream
Great Fire of London Experience	March	£4	Drama workshop led by external company
Pizza Express Visit	April	£2	Bus fare
York Tour Day & Yorkshire Museum visit	May/June	£2	Bus Fare

Roman Banquet Day	June/July	£2	Cost of 'Roman' food for banquet
Poetry Workshop	June/July	£2.50	External poet

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 times, this can be ordered through ParentPay. We encourage the children to bring a snack for morning break; fruit, veg, crackers, cheese, cereal bars etc. are ideal but please no crisps, biscuits, sweets or products containing nuts. Year 2 children have access to fruit/veg snacks during their afternoon break time.

Start and End of the School Day

We will open the doors each morning **at 8:40 and close them at 8:50** (please note the new time for registers). Any children who arrive after 8:50 need to come into school through the main office to ensure all registers are accurate.

Year 2: Please can all children enter and leave school 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. Children must make the teacher aware of which adult they are going home with once they see them.

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,

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