

LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phase 2 Spring Newsletter 2026

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

Topic

This term, our Phase 2 topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. We will be learning about: London in the 1660s and today, what happened during the Great Fire and how we know, what led to so many houses burning down, how so many people survived, whether anything could have been done to slow the spread of the fire and about the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire.



In art we will be developing our painting skills. We will be learning how to mix paints to create secondary colours as well as tints and tones and will be looking at the art work of Ron Embleton and David Best. We hope to have an art gallery session to share the children's work with you. In DT, we will be learning about food and a healthy and varied diet.

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

In RE, Year 2 will be learning about religious celebrations and Year 3 will be learning about prayer.

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.

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.

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 TT Rockstars. The children's passwords are in their reading records/packets.

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 no longer reading phonics reading books, reading regularly with an adult makes a real difference to fluency and comprehension. **Please can the children bring their reading records to school daily as we use these in reading lessons.**

Each week, both classes have a library sessions where they are able to change their library books. Their library days are:

Year 2: Friday

Year 3: Tuesday

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

Please can all children have their kit in school each week as we will be going into the forest in all kinds of weather. Please do speak to us if you have any questions.

Year 2 will have forest school every Monday before half term.

Year 3 will have forest schools every Thursday after the February half term.

PE

Please can the children keep their full kit in school for the duration of the half term to help ensure children have everything they need each lesson. If you have any difficulties, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Enrichment

As mentioned in our Autumn Term newsletter, our enrichment opportunities this half term are below. The trip to Pizza Express is now no longer free for schools sadly, so the cost of this has increased to reflect that.

As with all trips, please do come and speak to us if you need support with payments.

Where/what?	When?	How much?	What am I paying for?
Pizza Express Visit	3rd February - Y2 3rd March - Y3	£10	Bus fare & Pizza Making workshop
Great Fire of London Experience	Friday 13th March	£4	Drama workshop led by external company
DT	April	£2	Sandwich making ingredients for tasting and final product

Dates for Diaries
Parent consultations: Monday 2nd and Thursday 5th February.
School closes for half term: end of school Friday 13th February.
Schools reopens at usual time: Monday 23rd February
World Book Day (no costumes this year): Thursday 5th March
Phase 2 Celebration (Parents invited to view pupil work): Tuesday 17th March @ 2:45pm
School closes for Easter: Friday 27th March
School reopens for Summer term: Monday 13th April

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 us 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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