

LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phase 2 Summer Newsletter 2026

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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 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

After trialing the new system of lunch ordering, we are reverting back to our original way of children informing class teachers during registration of their lunch choices. There is therefore no need to pre-order lunch for the upcoming week. This should allow for more flexibility, if needed, in ordering a school lunch on a day to day basis. Please ensure children are aware of whether they have a packed lunch on the trolley or whether they will be asking for a school dinner. Please ensure all packed lunches are well-balanced and healthy. There should be no sweets, chocolate bars or fizzy drinks 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.

The Curriculum

Our topic in Phase 2 this term is The Romans. We will be visiting the Yorkshire Museum and will walk a section of the City Walls – (more details to follow). We will end our topic by celebrating with a Roman banquet.

History	Romans in Britain: We will be focussing on the following enquiry questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>When did the Romans invade and why?</u> Why did the Romans invade Britain? What kind of men could join the Roman Army? How do we know about life on Hadrian's wall?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Did the Celtic people welcome or resist the Romans, and why?</u> Who was Boudica and why do we remember her? What did Boudica really look like? • <u>How did the Romans influence the culture of the people already here?</u> How did Celtic people live? Why did the Romans build Hadrian's wall in the north?
Geography	We will be developing their locational knowledge of Europe this term, focussing on capital cities of neighbouring countries to the UK.
Science	<p>Year 2 will be learning about animals, including humans and will then learn about habitats.</p> <p>In Year 3, the children will learn about light and plants.</p>
Art	We will be learning about sculpture and will be mainly working with clay. If possible, please could the children bring in an old, adult's t-shirt that they can wear while they are working with clay to avoid their uniform getting stained. If you have any spare t-shirts these would be greatly appreciated.
DT	We will be exploring the use of fabric and learning simple sewing techniques to join fabric together.
Computing	The children will be developing their digital literacy as we will be learning about email and search engines. There will be a strong emphasis on internet safety during these lessons.
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> <p>This term, the composer we will be focusing on is Mozart. You might like to listen to some of his music at home with your child.</p>
PE	The children will be learning about striking and fielding games as well as athletics and rugby.
Maths	We will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme of work.
English	Our key texts will be:

	<p>Romans Magnified The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice Time Travel Twins: The Roman Invasion</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 instructions and will have a poetry workshop later in the term (more details to follow).</p>
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Enrichment

Below is a list of the trips and enrichment opportunities planned for the term. 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?
York Tour Day & Yorkshire Museum visit	Tuesday 5th May	£2.50	Bus Fare
Roman Banquet Day	June/July	£2	Cost of 'Roman' food for banquet
Poetry Workshop	June/July	£2.50	External poet

Other key dates over the term include:

Monday 11th May - Y3 Pedestrian training in local area with CYC road safety coordinators

Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May - outdoor learning week

Monday 6th July at 2:45pm- Parents are invited to attend our Roman Art Gallery

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 have access to Numbots and the children in Year 3 have access to TTRockstars and Ed Shed Spelling. We will be providing the children in Year 2 with access to TTRockstars in the next few weeks.

PE and Forest Schools

Year group	PE Days	Forest Day
2	Tuesdays and Fridays	Monday (BEFORE HALF TERM)
3	Tuesdays and Wednesdays	Thursday (AFTER HALF TERM)

Please ensure FULL PE kit (named) is in school at all times. We will send it home at half term or earlier if it needs washing.

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. Please ensure your child's name is on all of their belongings to ensure they can make their way back to you!

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.

Best wishes,

Mrs Canham, Mrs Gulliver & Mrs Hiles