



Phase 1 Autumn Term

Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone - we hope you all had a restful and memorable summer. A special welcome to all the new families joining Lord Deramore's Primary School for the first time. We are looking forward to you being a part of our community and should you have any questions, please do get in touch! Most classes have a parent/carer WhatsApp group so please do speak to other families about how to join these. (Please note that the WhatsApp groups are organised by parents not by the school - all concerns and individual questions should be addressed to school)

Here is a reminder of the teachers in Phase 1 this year:

- Early Years: Miss McCormack (Mon - Weds) and Mrs Jennings (Thurs - Fri)
- Year 1: Mr Sharpe
- Year 2: Mrs Gulliver
- The Hub: Mrs Carr
- Phase 1 will be supported by Miss Alhaq, Miss Arthur, Mrs de Souza, Mrs Graham, Ms Silverio, Miss Synnott and Mrs Thompson
- The phase leaders are Miss McCormack and Mrs Carr

Welcome Meetings

The welcome meetings for Years 1 and 2 are listed below. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, learn more about the new academic year and ask any questions. Please come to the main school entrance to join the meeting. Any information will also be shared via ParentPay after the meetings have taken place should you be unable to attend. There is no phase meeting for Early Years as there are 1:1 meetings for each child in the first week.

Year 1	Friday 18th September at 2:45
Year 2	Thursday 17th September at 2:45

Start of School

Our classroom doors open at 8:40am for parents / carers to drop the children off at. Children should be in class by 8:45am which is the official start time of the school day.

We do appreciate that at times circumstances may mean your child arrives after the classroom doors or gates have been closed. In these instances, please take your child to the office where they will be signed in.

End of School

At the end of the day, please collect your child from the classroom door at 3:15. Please can we ask that Early Years and Year 1 parents come inside the blue fence to collect their children and leave space around the gate for access and exit.

Please can we ask that parents do not let children play with the equipment inside the blue fence either before or after school as this is part of our outdoor classroom.

Lunchtimes and snacks

School dinners are free for all children in Phase 1. The menus for this term can be found at: <https://lordderamores.com/information-for-parentscarers/lunches>

Your child can bring a packed lunch if they would prefer. As a healthy eating school, sweets, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks are not allowed in packed lunches and containers must not be glass for health and safety reasons. We are also a **nut-free school** due to severe allergies. No food containing nuts is allowed in school. Please note this includes spreads such as Nutella, peanut butter and all bars that contain nuts.

Please ensure your child knows if they are having a packed lunch or a school dinner each day.

In EY **the children do not need to bring a snack or water bottles** as fruit and water is available throughout the day. Children in Year 1 may bring a water bottle in with them but fruit is available throughout the day so they do not need a snack. Children in Year 2 can bring a snack for break times and should bring a named water bottle daily. The children in Year 2 can bring fruit, vegetables or foods such as crackers and cheese. Please remind your child that they should not share their snack food due to dietary requirements and allergies. Children should only bring water in their water bottles.

All children under 5 are entitled to free milk each day. This is delivered directly to school and made available to the children to drink when they want it. If your child in Early Years has now turned 5 but would like to continue to have milk in school, it can be purchased through the [School Milk scheme](#). Children should be registered just before they turn 5.

(<https://coolmilk.com/>). Cool Milk is only able to provide dairy milk. If your child is under 5 and unable to drink dairy milk, please contact Miss McCormack if you would like school to arrange a plant based alternative.

Focus Children, Observations and Parent meetings

In Early Years and Year 1, we will operate a focus children system this term. We will send home a letter or email letting you know that it is your child's focus week and offering you times to meet for 10 minutes. These meetings are in place of the school parent-teacher appointments for children in Years 2-6. During the Spring Term, the children in Early Years and Year 1 will have parents evening on the same evenings as the rest of school.

The children in Year 2 will have parents meetings on the same evenings as the rest of school across the year.

The Curriculum and Learning Through Play

Details of our curriculum and the topics we are covering can be found on our school website: <https://lordderamores.com/our-curriculum/curriculum> – we are following Year B (and Year 2 are following the Phase 2 curriculum).

Children in Early Years and Year 1, will spend most of the day following their own interests in play. They will be able to explore areas such as sand, construction, small world and workshop in the classroom, with bigger and more physical play encouraged outside. Through play, children learn vital skills such as sharing, negotiation, perseverance and resilience. Whole class teaching time will happen at the start and end of the morning and afternoon.

Communication

Every Friday, parents and carers will receive a weekly note for their child's year group. These will share important information about the following week, including key events, visitors and lesson overviews. We ask that parents and carers read this note each week so they are aware of any changes happening in school.

Reading and homework

The most important work to do at home is for your child to read their reading book (once they have one) and to share lots of other stories together. On the website, there will also be a short menu of suggestions for things to do at home if you would like to use them. We'd love to hear about what children have been getting up to, so do let us know via Tapestry.

Library

Your child will have the chance to get a new school library book most weeks. There is also a drop in library session after school on a Wednesday for families to borrow and return books.

Trips

Below is a list of visits and enrichment activities for this year along with the *estimated* voluntary contribution we will ask for to fund the activity. Please note that families in receipt of the new category of targeted free school meals (based on the £7,400 income threshold) will not be asked to contribute to visits and enrichment activities. Please do always come and speak to us confidentially if you have any concerns about funding school trips. We will let you know the finalised details for each visit and enrichment activity as soon as possible.

Trip / Enrichment	When	Cost (approx)	What am I paying for?
Open top bus tour Y2	Autumn Term	£11	Bus into town and open top bus
York Mosque Y2	Autumn Term	£2.50	Bus to the mosque
Library EY	November	£6	Coach to the library

York Castle Museum Y1	Autumn Term	£2.50	Bus into town
Pantomime Whole school	December	£20	Coach, pantomime and ice cream
Captain Cook Birthplace Museum Y2	Spring Term	£16	Coach and workshop
Chinese New Year cooking EY	February	£1	Ingredients
Yorkshire Wildlife Park EY and Y1	Spring Term	£20	Coach, entry and workshop
Hull Streetlife Museum Y2	Summer Term	£15	Coach and workshop
National Railway Museum EY and Y1	Summer Term	£5	Bus into town and workshop
Elvington Air Museum Y2	Summer Term	£10	Coach and entry
Lotherton Hall EY and Y1	Summer Term	£11	Coach and entry
Seeds Fruit and vegetables EY and Y1	Summer Term	£2	Seeds to plant Food to taste and prepare

Curriculum

Please see an overview of our learning for this term. Further information is available on our [Curriculum](#) pages.

	Early Years and Year 1	Year 2
History	Schools We will focus on the following enquiry questions: - How have things changed since I started school? - How do we know about the past?	Schools Then and Now We will focus on the following enquiry questions: - Is there a difference between Lord Deramore's Primary School today and in the time of your parents and grandparents? - Would you prefer to have been in Lord Deramore's Primary in the past or now?
Geography	Identify seasonal and daily	Place Knowledge: similarities and

	weather patterns in the UK and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. Use simple fieldwork and observational skill	differences UK/Europe (How is Heslington similar/different to Rome/Italy?) Fieldwork of school grounds and area
Science	Working Scientifically and seasonal changes (ongoing) Materials	Plants
Art	Sculpture Artist of the month – Barbara Hepworth	Drawing - pencil sketches including sketches of the old and new schools
DT	Free Standing Structures (Y1)	Food – Preparing Fruit and Vegetables
Computing	Digital literacy: Technology around us.	Creating pictures Simple animation
RE	EY: Which stories are special and why? Which People are Special and why? Y1: Who is a Christian and what do they believe? Heslington Church visit	What is a Muslim?
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	EY: Untuned percussion - start and stop, keeping a steady beat and discover sounds Y1: Keep a steady beat and follow instructions on how and when to sing/play Composer: Kodaly - Viennese Musical Clock	Singing, music appreciation. Y2: Ocarina: Posture, low D, A, high D and D major scale Composer: Y2 Saint-Saens
PE	EY: Fundamental skills, dance Y1: Fundamental skills, dance, football	Fundamental skills, football, dance, basketball
English	We focus on developing the large and small motor skills children need for handwriting through our provision as well as in taught sessions. Letter	A range of writing including narrative and recount. These will be based around books including: Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar and Quill Soup by Alan Durant

	formation will be taught in handwriting lessons following the school's handwriting policy. For both classes, we make sure there are opportunities to write across the areas of provision. Early Years: We will be building up our hand dexterity and strength this term and then learning to form lower-case letters correctly. Year 1: In writing lessons we will be focussing on writing a sentence with finger spaces and punctuation.	
Maths	Both classrooms have a maths provision area for the children to explore and develop the maths we have been learning in maths lessons. We use the Power Maths scheme across school. We will use lots of practical activities, real objects and games to help children embed mathematical concepts. Early Years: Working with numbers to 5, simple 2D and spatial awareness. Year 1: Working with numbers to 10 including adding and subtracting, 2D and 3D shapes.	Place value within 100, addition and subtraction.

Forest School and PE kit

Please see below the days Phase 1 will have forest school and PE lessons this term. Kit lists for Forest school and PE are available on the [school website](#).

	Forest	PE
EY	Thursday	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesdays; half-termly	Tuesday and Friday

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.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and we hope you and the children feel the same. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or send an email to your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,
The Phase 1 Team

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Dates for Diaries (more details to follow)

Friday 18th September 2.45pm WELCOME MEETING Year 1 classroom
Thursday 17th September 2.45pm WELCOME MEETING Year 2 classroom
Monday 5th October: Harvest Festival collection
Monday 12th October: Parent consultations for Y2
Thursday 15th October: Parent consultations for Y2
Monday 19th October: Halloween Disco (more details to follow)
Thursday 22nd October: Pumpkin Competition
Friday 23rd October: Break up for half term at 3:15
Monday 2nd November: Return to school
Friday 13th November: Non-uniform day for Children in Need
Wednesday 2nd December 9.15pm: EY and Y1 Nativity (families welcome)
Thursday 3rd December 2.15am: EY and Y1 Nativity (families welcome)
Wednesday 8th December 9.15pm: Y2 and Y3 Nativity (families welcome)
Thursday 9th December 2.15am: Y2 and Y3 Nativity (families welcome)
Friday 11th December: FOLD Christmas Social
Monday 14th December: EY & Y1 Christmas party
Tuesday 15th December: Visit to Theatre Royal Pantomime
Wednesday 16th December: Christmas dinner
Wednesday 16th December: Y2 Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December: Break up for Christmas holiday at 3:15