



LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Year 3 and 4 Autumn Newsletter
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Welcome to a new school year in Years 3 and 4. We hope you all had a lovely summer and that the children are ready for new challenges and some fun.

Homework

We thank all parents for their support in ensuring homework is completed and handed in on time. Children make the most progress at school when they feel the school and their families are working together. All homework will be relevant to work in school and the children will receive feedback.

Monday: Children will take home their spelling folder with a list of spellings to practise and learn at home, ready for a test on Friday.

Wednesday: Maths homework will be given out in a book to be handed in on the following Monday.

Friday: General homework, often topic or science related, to be handed in on Monday.

All children will have a homework book and spellings folder in which instructions will be sent. We encourage the children to show you their homework and let you know what they have to do. We are happy for you to help where you feel appropriate. This is all part of the process of children becoming more independent. (In Year 5 / 6, the children write their own homework reminders in their planners). Year 3 parents, please note that homework will no longer be on the website as it was in KS1.



Reading

Our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information. Therefore, children read most days at school and we would encourage all parents to read with their child for a short time each evening. Even fluent readers benefit from reading aloud to an adult.

Please make a note to show us when your child reads at home, in the planner for Year 3 and the Reading Record in Year 4. Please remember that it is more important that a child understands and enjoys a book rather than ensuring they get to the end of the story in one sitting – little and often can be more successful with some children.

Children also have access to library books. **Library days are Monday for Year 3 and Wednesday for Year 4.**

Planners

In Year 3 the planners are mainly used as a reading record and for general communication between home and school. We may also use it for target setting and reminders.

In Year 4 the planners are also used for the children to reflect on their learning and to aid personal organisation.

Please could all parents use the planner for notes about doctor's appointments etc., questions about homework, positive comments about your child's progress or if you wish to inform us of any successes your child has



had out of school eg. Music awards, football medals, learning a new skill. (You may wish to use a letter to inform us of more private issues.)

Curriculum

This term, the Year 3/4 curriculum centres on 'The Seaside'. In science we will be looking at rocks and soils and we will be reading maps and plans as part of geography. In art, we will be practising sketching and working with clay, and in DT we will making kites. Also, all children will prepare and cook a dish each term with Mrs Bradley. **We request a voluntary contribution of £2 per pupil per year to help us fund this.**

As part of our topic, we intend to visit Filey on Tuesday 27th September – there will be a letter about this very soon.

PE and Swimming

In Year 3, swimming will take place on Monday morning (you should have received a letter about this) and PE is on a Tuesday with Mr. Iddon.

In Year 4, PE is on a Tuesday with Mr Iddon and on a Thursday with Mr Longmore.

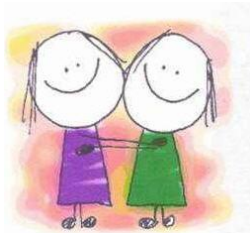
PE may be indoors or outdoors and we expect children to have their full kit as detailed in the planner. We recommend that PE kit is brought to school on a Monday and then left in school so it cannot be forgotten.

Assemblies

Year 3 class assembly is on Thursday 13th October at 2:50pm.

Year 4 class assembly is on Thursday 6th October at 2:50pm.

We hope you will be able to join us.



Punctuality and Organisation

If children are regularly late to school, it can make them feel unhappy and unsettled and it can be difficult for them to feel ready to learn. Please help your child by ensuring they arrive in good time to say hello to their friends and come into school together. (Of course we do understand that there are occasional morning emergencies and traffic issues.)

We also encourage the children to be organised with their belongings; to have the right equipment on the right day. Therefore we would like the children to use book bags or we have some plastic book bags for sale at 50p from the classroom.

End of the School Day

Just a reminder to the Year 3 parents that at the end of the day the children will come out of school into the playground themselves. If they forget something, please send them back in to get it. If a parent/carer is late, the children come back into school and wait at the school office.

If you wish to see us about any aspect of your child's life in school, please pop in at the end of the school day, or make an appointment via the planner.

Best wishes,

Suzie McKenna Charlotte Sweeting Mark Longmore Ann Bradley