



## LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Year 3 and 4 Summer Newsletter

After the sunny Easter holidays, it really feels like summer has arrived. We look forward this term to the children making full use of our lovely school grounds and continuing to enjoy their many achievements.

At the beginning of each term we like to remind you of routines and keep you informed of any changes.

### **Homework**

We continue to thank all parents for their support in ensuring homework is completed and handed in on time; it makes a real difference to the positive image children have about their work and achievements in school. All homework is relevant to the curriculum and the children always receive feedback.

Monday: All children will receive a list of spellings to practise and learn at home ready for a test on Friday.

Wednesday: Maths homework to be handed in on Friday.

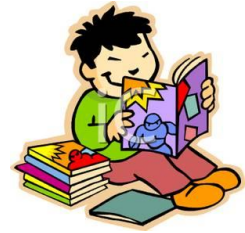
Friday: General homework often topic or science related to be handed in on Monday.

Year 3 children have a homework book in which instructions will be sent. Year 4 homework is recorded in a variety of formats as appropriate. We encourage greater independence with recording and presenting homework as the children become older. We are happy for the children to show you what they have to do and for parents to work with their children.

### **Reading**

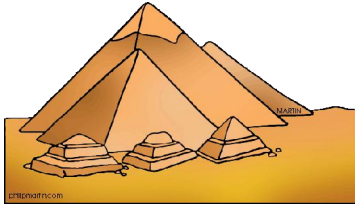
Our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information. At parents evening, some parents requested a list of suitable books for Years 3 and 4 and a list will be with you soon!

This term the children are voting for the RedHouse children's Book Award. See [www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk/](http://www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk/) for more information.



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 sign in the Reading Record when you have read with your child or they have read independently. We are interested in children's book choices and are happy for books from home to be recorded in the Reading Record. 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. If they are reluctant to read, you could take turns reading lines and encourage the use of 'voices' for the characters.

Class library days are Monday for Year 3 and Tuesday for Year 4, although the children can access the library independently one lunchtime a week.



## Curriculum

This term, the Year 3/4 curriculum centres on Egypt – Ancient and Modern. In science we will be studying 'Properties of Materials' and Year 4 will also study 'Light and Shadow'. In Science Week, as part of a study of life cycles, we will be engaging in 'The Great Plant Hunt', investigating different aspects of plant life related to the studies of Charles Darwin. In RE we will be thinking about the special journeys (pilgrimages) important to different religions. Ceramics and printing will be a focus in art and composition in music. In PE, we will be developing our striking and fielding skills, playing rounders and cricket. There is no visit planned this term. Instead we will have an Ancient Egyptian Day towards the end of term where we will eat Egyptian food (made as part of DT), take part in fun Egyptian activities and dress like Ancient Egyptians. (Keep hold of those old white sheets!)

## PE

Year 3 PE is on a Tuesday with Mr Iddon and swimming on Thursday.  
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 26<sup>th</sup> May.  
Year 4 class assembly is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June.  
We hope you will be able to join us at 2:50pm.



## Summer

Just a reminder that a hat / cap and a water bottle are essential in hot weather. Please apply any suncream to your child before school starts. Each class will have a bottle of factor 50 suncream for the children to apply themselves before lunch if a top up is needed.

If the children wish to bring small outdoor toys (plastic dinosaurs, cars, small figures - nothing expensive or too precious) to play with on the grass, please ensure they are in a named bag and kept on the child's peg.

## Important Dates

Class photos – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Half Term holiday – week beginning Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Training Day – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Sports Day – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Reports to parents – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
End of Term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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    Mary McCormack    Mark Longmore    Annette Lee



*We are collecting Tesco's and Sainsbury's vouchers for schools.*