

Loatlands Phase 2 News

Spring Term Newsletter
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Introduction

Welcome back and Happy New Year, the children have settled back into school brilliantly after Christmas, they are enjoying being back in school and are showing great enthusiasm for their new topics.

The Phase newsletter will provide information regarding learning, curriculum and events happening in Year 2 and Year 3. If you have any concerns, your first point of contact is always the class teacher, if you are not able to see them in person please send in a letter or call the office. If you would like to see me for any reason please contact the school office. My name is Dawn Simpson, Phase 2 Leader and I teach Year 2 – Dahl class.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Lacey from her maternity leave, who will be teaching part-time in Year 3 Morpurgo class alongside Mrs Dearing. We are looking forward to the arrival of Miss Rook a teaching student who will be in Year 2 Dahl class for a six-week placement

PE days within the phase

Children need a PE kit in school and long hair needs to be tied back.

Class	PE Days
Year 2 - Dahl	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 2 – Milne	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 – Rowling	Friday
Year 3 - Morpurgo	Tuesday

Swimming

Year 3 will have swimming lessons every Monday until Easter and will need to bring their swimming kit to school. Swimming kit consists of: swimming costume/trunks (no bikini's or board shorts), towel and swimming hat. Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office. If your child wants to wear goggles, please send in a letter giving parental permission.

Important points to note

Year 3 - Earrings must be removed by the child for PE. If your child is unable to remove earrings themselves, they should be removed before they come to school.

Reading

Please make sure every child has their book bag in school with their reading book and reading record every day. New reading records were sent home last week. It is a school expectation that every child reads at home for at least 10 minutes and that their reading record is filled in by their parent/carer. Children independently choose reading books that interest them from a selection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. They will move up a reading band when their teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy at their current reading band.

Children will also bring home a library book every week, which they can read themselves or share with an adult. Remember to send your child's library book in on the correct day so they can choose a new book.

Year 2 - Dahl - Wednesday	Year 3 – Rowling - Friday
Year 2 – Milne – Wednesday	Year 3 – Morpurgo - Thursday

Spellings

A new set of spellings will continue to be sent home weekly for children to learn at home, each set will focus on a specific sound or rule for children to learn. Spelling tests will be on Fridays.

Homework

Pick and Mix homework has been sent home by today and children should complete 2 Bigger Treats for term and their homework is due in on Monday 5th February. Please continue to ensure that your child completes Penny sweets daily.

House points

Mars house won the Space Race for Term 2 and more information will be included in the main newsletter about their upcoming Mufti Day.

Website

Each Phase will be blogging and the Phase 2 blog will have updates from each Year 2 and Year 3 class. Please continue to check the website and weekly newsletters for dates and information on upcoming events.

Curriculum overview for Term 3 & 4

Year Group	English Focus	Maths Focus	Topic Focus
Year 2 – Term 3	Quality Text VLAD and the Great Fire of London Types of writing Diary and Poems	Number Multiplication and Division Statistics	History The Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys Science Materials – classifying, grouping, changing and investigating suitability.
Year 2 – Term 4	Quality Text Tell me a Dragon Types of writing Poems, Newspaper report and Instructions	Geometry Properties of shape Number Fractions	Computing Algorithms and programming - Bee-Bots Art/DT Knowledge of art and sketching
Year 3 – Term 3	Quality Text Tom's Sausage Lion Types of writing Narrative and Poems	Number Multiplication and Division Measures Money	History Houses through the ages Science Materials, states and changes
Year 3 – Term 4	Quality Text The Fossil Girl: the story of Mary Anning. Types of writing Letters, Recounts and Diaries	Measures Length and Perimeter Number Fractions	Computing PowerPoints – Rocks and Soil Art/DT Techniques to design and make a model village

I look forward to having another great term with Phase 2 and continuing on our learning journey.

Mrs D Simpson
Phase 2 Leader