

Loatlands Phase 2 News

Term 3 & 4 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 learning and their new topics.

The Phase newsletter, alongside weekly newsletters, will help to keep you informed with information regarding learning, curriculum and events happening in Year 2 and Year 3.

If you have any concerns, please make the class teacher your first point of contact. If you are not able to see them in person please send in a letter, email or call the school office. If you would like to see me for any reason please contact the school office, my name is Dawn Simpson and I teach Year 2 – Dahl class.

Uniform

All school uniform, PE Kit and belongings should be labelled clearly, including shoes. It is much easier to return items to their owners this way.

PE days within the phase

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day as these days are sometimes subject to change and for attendance at after school sports clubs. Long hair needs to be tied back for PE. 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.

Class	PE Days
Year 2 - Dahl	Monday & Wednesday
Year 2 – Milne	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 – Rowling	Monday (Swimming) & Friday
Year 3 - Morpurgo	Monday (Swimming) & Friday

Swimming

Year 3 children 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.

Stay and Read Sessions

Please join us in the library for the Stay and Read session after dropping off your children. Sessions run from 9.00 – 9.25 and there will be an area for pre-school children. We hope you can join us.

- Dahl – Wednesday 23rd January
- Rowling – Thursday 24th January
- Milne – Wednesday 30th January
- Morpurgo – Thursday 31st January

Reading at home

Please make sure your child has their book bag in school with their reading book and reading record every day. New reading records have already been sent home. 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 are rewarded for reading at home, they receive house points if they read 3 times or more a week.

Starbooks

Children that read 4 times or more a week will receive a Starbook's sticker. 6 weeks of regular reading equals a full card, Star Readers have their name added to the Starbooks library display. They go in a draw to win a chance to go to Term 2 Starbooks event where they get to choose a book to keep and have a delicious drink.

Library

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 – Milne - Wednesday	Year 3 – Rowling - Thursday
Year 2 – Dahl – Friday	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. Spellings are taught in school and need to be practised at home ready for spelling tests which will be on Thursday in Year 3 Morpurgo and on Fridays in Year 3 Rowling and both Year 2 classes.

Homework

Each term, the children will bring a 'Pick 'n' Mix' style homework home. They will be asked to complete 2 or 3 large tasks for the whole of the term. When these are brought in, the children will share their work with the rest of the class. This is a session that is enjoyed by all, as we are able to see the tremendous effort that the children have gone to and we see some amazing and thoughtful creations. House points will be awarded to children for their efforts. Please continue to work on Penny Sweets elements daily.

Homework is due in on Monday 11th February this half term and Monday 1st April next term.

Website

We will continue to add Phase Updates to the school website these will include articles and photos of activities that Year 2 and Year 3 children have been up to. Have a look and see what fun we have been having in our learning. 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	Number Multiplication and Division Fractions Measurement Length and Height	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, Character Description and Instructions	Number Addition, Subtraction Multiplication and Division Geometry Properties of shape, Position and Direction	Computing Algorithms and programming - Bee-Bots Art/DT Painting and designing and building a Tudor house
Year 3 – Term 3	Quality Text Tom's Sausage Lion Types of writing Narrative and Poems	Number Fractions, Division and Subtraction	History Houses through the ages including 3D shapes Science Term 3 - Materials, states and changes Term 4 – Muscles and bones
Year 3 – Term 4	Quality Text George's Marvellous Medicine Types of writing Instructions	Measures Length and Perimeter Number Fractions	Computing E-Safety and emails Art/DT Paul Horton Collage Techniques to design and make a model village

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

Mrs D Simpson
Phase 2 Leader