

Loatlands Phase 2 News

Term 1 Newsletter
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Introduction

Welcome back to a new school year, the children have settled back into school brilliantly, they are enjoying being back in school and are showing great enthusiasm for their new learning challenges.

The Phase newsletter will provide information regarding learning, curriculum and events happening in Year 2 and Year 3. If you have 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 and I am the Year 2 – Dahl class teacher.

1940's Day – Saturday 23rd September 2017

Year 2 & 3 children will have received a letter inviting them and siblings to attend and perform at the Desborough 1940's Day event, a fun filled event at Desborough Town Centre with vintage vehicles, music. The Heritage centre will be open as well. The children will dress in 1940's style clothing and will perform songs that have been learnt in school. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Wonfor will be attending the event. It would be great to see as many children as possible there.

Meet the team

Mrs Dawn Simpson – Phase Two Leader and Year 2 Teacher (Dahl Class)	Mrs Clare Small – Year 2 Teacher (Milne Class)	Mrs Sarah Burberry – Year 3 Teacher – (Rowling Class)
		
Mrs Lindsey Dearing – Year 3 Teacher (Morpurgo)	Mrs Sarah Baggaley – Year 2 Teaching Assistant	Mrs Clare Nowakowski – Year 2 Teaching Assistant
		
Mrs Rebbecca Burbidge – Year 3 Teaching Assistant	Mrs Tracey Spencer – Year 3 Higher Level Teaching Assistant	Mrs Helen Burt – Year 3 Teaching Assistant
		

PE days within the phase

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

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

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.

Important points to note

Reading

Please make sure every child has their book bag (not a backpack as they don't fit in the drawers) in school with their reading book and reading record every day. If you have any questions about the new reading record please speak to your child's class teacher.

It is a school expectation that every child will read at home daily for at least 10 minutes and their reading record will be written in by their parent/carer. To make this easier for you, every child has a new reading log with a section for each day. Children will bring home books of their choice and they will move up a reading band when the teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy.

More information to follow about the Year One 'pick 'n mix' homework. Please continue to share a storybook with your child every day alongside this.

House points

Children will be rewarded for their reading with house points, which are also used to reinforce good behaviour and attitudes to work and effort – amongst other things. All staff working at the school are able to give house points if they see behaviours that warrant them. Children work independently to collect their house points, which are then added to the team collection, which will be counted at the end of each term, with a treat for the winning house.

Spellings

A new set of spellings will be spelt 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 held on Fridays.

Homework

Each term, the children will bring a 'Pick 'n' Mix' style homework home. They will be asked to complete 2-3 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

Children will need to bring to a labelled water bottle and should bring a coat to school every day so they are ready for the ever changing weather.

Website

We have a new school website which has copies of newsletters and events, there is a Phase 2 section where we will start to add information regarding Year 2 and Year 3.

Curriculum overview for Term 1

Year Group	English Focus	Maths Focus	Topic Focus
Year 2	Quality Text The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch & Katie Morag Stories Types of writing Recounts, story retelling.	Number Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Geography Comparing the Seaside and Desborough. Science Animals/Minibeasts and their habitats
Year 3	Quality Text Georges Marvellous Medicine Types of writing Character descriptions. Settings and paragraphs.	Number Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Geography Spectacular Spain Science Light & seeing

I look forward to having a great term and working with all of your children.

Mrs D Simpson
Phase 2 Leader.