

Loatlands Phase 3 News

Terms 3 & 4 Newsletter
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Introduction

Welcome back, we hope that you have had a lovely Christmas break and that the children are all rested and excited for their new school term.

Just a reminder that, 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 Miss Durling and I am the Year 6 -Austen- class teacher.

PE days within the phase

Children need a PE kit, that stays in school throughout the term and long hair needs to be tied back.

Class	PE Days
Year 4 - Cowell	Monday & Thursday (Both indoor this term and outdoor next term)
Year 4 – Lewis	Monday & Wednesday (1 indoor & 1 outdoor)
Year 5 – Dickens	Monday – Swimming Thursday PE – (Indoor Term 3, Outdoor term 4)
Year 6 – Austen	Monday (Indoor PE – Term 3) (Indoor & Outdoor PE Term 4)

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.

A reminder that a school PE kit consists of:

Indoor	Outdoor
Red (Loatlands or plain) T-shirt Black shorts Plimsolls	Red (Loatlands or plain) T-shirt Black tracksuit Trainers

Swimming

Year 5 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.

Reading

Please make sure every child has reading book and reading record every day. If you have any questions about the reading record or expectations, 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. These will be checked regularly by class teachers and house points allocated accordingly.

Please make sure that your children are reading a variety of books throughout the year, by different authors as this will help to extend their vocabulary and understanding of different styles of writing. The books that they read, should provide a certain level of challenge to them for them to progress further.

Children will be awarded a sticker for every week that they have read a minimum of 4 nights. This will be added to their 'Starbooks' card which, once filled, will mean the child will be in with a chance of winning a book of their choosing. Last term, we had a number of children across the phase that were able to read for 4 nights per week and they collected 6 stickers for their 'starbooks' card. We are hoping to see an increase in the number of cards filled this term.

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 held on Fridays.

Homework

Years 4 & 5 - Pick and Mix homework has been sent home and children should complete 2 Bigger Treats. Homework is due in on Monday 11th Feb (Term 3) and Monday 1st April (Term 4). Please continue to ensure that your child completes Penny sweets daily.

Year 6 – Children will no longer be completing the Pick and Mix homework, instead it will be more worksheet based, linked to class learning, in preparation for their upcoming SATs. There will be pieces sent home each week on a Friday and they will be due in for marking the following Friday.

House points

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

Residentials/Trips

There is still time for any Year 5 children to put their names down for the residential to 'Kingswood' at the start of next year. Kingswood has been an incredibly successful residential in the past and is a fantastic opportunity for the children. There are still spaces available if you are interested; names and deposits are to be given to the school office by the end of the month.

Year 4 – Victorian School day (Further details to follow later in the term)

Year 5 – Evacuee Day (Further details to follow later in the term)

Year 6 – Visit to Liverpool on 14th February

Uniform

Can I please remind you that children should all be wearing the correct uniform to school, this excludes trainers of any kind and children in Years 5 and 6 should all be wearing a tie.

Website

We will continue to add updates to the school website under the appropriate phase headings. We are hoping to share some pictures and updates of what the children have been up to at school, including the forest school activities which are new for this academic year: Year 5 are the lucky class that will be experiencing the outside learning environment this term.. Please keep checking these for any changes as the newsletter is only termly.

Request

Year 4 have requested whether any old shoe boxes that you have lying at home unneeded, can be brought into school by mid-February.

Curriculum overview for Terms 3 & 4

Year Group	English Focus	Maths Focus	Topic Focus
Year 4 (Cowell & Lewis)	<u>Term 3</u> Quality Text 'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells Types of Writing Quest Story Non-Fiction Life in Victorian Britain for Rich and Poor <u>Term 4</u> Quality Text 'Streetchild' by Berlie Doherty Types of writing Historical Story	<u>Term 3</u> Co-ordinates Multiplication and Division Fractions <u>Term 4</u> Fractions and Decimals Conversions	<u>Terms 3 and 4</u> Life in Victorian Britain
Year 5 (Dickens)	<u>Term 3</u> Quality Text Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo Types of text Narrative writing Newspaper report <u>Term 4</u> Roald Dahl Types of text Biographies Blackout poems	<u>Term 3</u> Division Position and direction Fractions <u>Term 4</u> Fractions Decimals and percentages	<u>Term 3 and 4</u> World War 2

Year 6	<u>Term 3</u> We will be using film as stimuli for the term The Lego Story Little Freak Types of writing Non-Chronological report, monologue <u>Term 4</u> Birthday Boy Biography of Charles Dickens	<u>Term 3</u> Measurement Converting unit Perimeter, volume and area. Geometry properties of shape Statistics <u>Term 4</u> Revision	<u>Terms 3 & 4</u> Machines Looking at how machines have changed over time and our predictions for future machines.
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Once again, I look forward to a great term working with all of your children.

Miss T Durling
Phase 3 Leader