

# Loatlands Phase 2 News

Term 1 Newsletter 2019-20  
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## Introduction

Welcome back to a new school year, the children are excited to be back in school and have settled into their new classes and routines well, they are enjoying making new friends and are showing great enthusiasm for their new topics.

This termly 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 contact the office. If you would like to see me for any reason please contact the school office. My name is Dawn Simpson, I am the Year 3, Rowling Class Teacher and Phase 2 Leader.

## Meet the team

Ms Sarah Burberry Year 2 Teacher Dahl	Mrs Clare Small Year 2 Teacher Milne	Mrs Sarah Baggaley Year 2 TA Dahl
		
Mrs Stacey Foster Year 2 TA Dahl	Mrs Shelley Nicklin Year 2 TA Milne	Mrs Dawn Simpson Phase Two Leader Year 3 Teacher Rowling
		
Mrs Leith Reith Year 3 Teacher Morpurgo Monday- Wednesday	Mrs Anna Lacey Year 3 Teacher Morpurgo Wednesday - Friday	Mrs Helen Smith Year 3 Teacher Morpurgo Wednesday - Friday
		
Mrs Helen Burt Year 3 TA Rowling	Mr Tom Rose Year 3 TA Rowling	Mrs Sarah Blakemore Year 3 TA Morpurgo
		
Mrs Sue York HLTA Dahl & Morpurgo	Mrs Julie Neil HLTA Rowling	Mrs Rebecca Burbidge TA Milne
		

## **Events**

All classes have started their new topics, Year 2 held a Seaside Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Year 3 are having a Teddy Bears Picnic on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Photos of both events will be added to the school website. There will be a Phase 2 Carol Concert in December, dates will be shared later in the year.

## **Phase 2 Autumn Play**

Year 2 and Year 3 will start rehearsing their play during the autumn term. Performances will be held on:

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Evening

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Afternoon - family friendly performance

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Afternoon

Details regarding performance times and purchasing tickets will be sent home later in the term.

## **Visits in Term 2**

Year 2 will visit the library and the Heritage Centre. All of Year 2 and Year 3 will visit the St Giles Christmas Tree festival, more details and dates will be shared when they have been confirmed.

## **Equipment needed in school**

Everyday children will need to bring to school their book bag with reading record and reading books, a labelled water bottle and a coat so they are ready for the ever changing weather.

## **PE days within the phase**

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day as these days are sometimes subject to change and after school club taster sessions may be added.

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE Days</b>
Year 2 - Dahl	Monday & Wednesday
Year 2 – Milne	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3 – Rowling	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3 - Morpurgo	Monday – Swimming & Friday - PE

**Rowling class will start swimming in January 2019.**

**Indoor PE Kit:** Red T-shirt (Loatlands or plain), Black shorts, Plimsolls

**Outdoor PE Kit:** Red T-shirt, Joggers for colder weather, Trainers

Long hair needs to be tied back for PE. No jewellery should be worn by Year 2 children and in 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 as staff are unable to do this for them. All school uniform should be labelled clearly, including shoes. It is much easier to return lost property to its owner this way.

## **Swimming**

Year 3 will have swimming on a Monday and need to bring their swimming kit to school. Swimming kit consists of: swimming costume / trunks (no bikinis / board shorts), towel and swimming hat. Swimming hats can be purchased online from your child's SchoolMoney account for £1. If your child wants to wear goggles please send in a letter giving parental permission - please be advised there will be times when goggles will need to be removed for safety reasons.

## **Reading**

Please make sure your child has their reading book and reading record in school every day. If you have any questions about your child's reading 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 written in by their parent / carer. To make this easier for you, every child has a reading record with a section for each day. Children will bring homes books of their choice and they will move up a reading band when the teacher is happy they can read with 95% accuracy and show a good understanding.

Children will receive house points for reading more than 3 times each week and a Star Books sticker if they read 4 times in a week.

### **Library**

Each class will visit the school library once a week, children are able to choose a book to bring home to share. Please return the book on your child's library day so they can choose a new book.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Library Day</b>
Year 2 - Dahl	Friday
Year 2 – Milne	Wednesday
Year 3 – Rowling	Friday
Year 3 - Morpurgo	Monday

### **House points**

Children's home reading will be rewarded with house points, they are also used to reinforce good behaviour and attitudes to work and effort – amongst other things. All staff within 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**

New spellings will be sent home weekly 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 in Dahl, Milne, Rowling and Morpurgo.

### **Homework**

Each term, children will bring a 'Pick 'n' Mix' style homework home in their Learning Log. They will be asked to complete 2-3 large tasks for the whole of the term. When these are brought in, the children share them 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 with some amazing and thoughtful creations. House points are awarded to children for their effort.

### **Website**

The school website has copies of newsletters and events, there is a Phase 2 section where we add information regarding Year 2 and Year 3 including photos of events children participate in at school and visits out of school.

### **Curriculum overview for Term 1**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>English Focus</b>	<b>Maths Focus</b>	<b>Topic Focus</b>
<b>Year 2</b> <b>Seasides</b>	<b>Quality Text</b> The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch & Grace Darling (RNLI)  <b>Types of writing</b> Recounts, story retelling, Instructions	<b>Number</b> Place Value Addition & Subtraction Money	<b>Geography</b> Comparing the Seaside and Desborough.  <b>Science</b> Planting bulbs Changing Seasons
<b>Year 3</b> <b>Bears</b>	<b>Quality Text</b> The Bear and the Piano The Ice Bear  <b>Types of writing</b> Story writing, focus on adjectives, nouns and paragraphs. Non-fiction report	<b>Number</b> Place Value Addition & Subtraction	<b>Geography</b> Comparing Peru and the UK  <b>Science</b> Animals (including Humans, Muscles & Skeletons)

## Curriculum overview for Term 2

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>English Focus</b>	<b>Maths Focus</b>	<b>Topic Focus</b>
<b>Year 2 Desborough</b>	<b>Quality Text</b> Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Big Adventure  <b>Types of writing</b> Story retelling, changing parts of a stor Poetry	<b>Number</b> Addition & Subtraction Money Multiplication & Division	<b>History</b> Desborough in the past  <b>Science</b> Planting Seasonal Changes
<b>Year 3 Potions</b>	<b>Quality Text</b> Georges Marvellous Medicine  <b>Types of writing</b> Character descriptions, changing part of a story. Instructions Poetry	<b>Number</b> Time Multiplication & Division Measure – Length, Mass & Capacity	<b>Science</b> Changing materials

I look forward to helping the children to have a successful term.

Mrs D Simpson, Phase 2 Leader