



# Year 2 Spring 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

### Our Creative Habit – Imaginative



#### English

This half term our model text is 'The Story of Pirate Tom'. We are going to write our own quest story! We are really excited.

#### Maths

Graphs, time and fractions.

#### Science

Animals including humans (Growth and hygiene).

#### Geography

Continents and UK

#### Art

Expressive painting

#### Computing

Programming a robot/ algorithm

#### RE

Why is generosity so important?

#### PE

Gymnastics

We have had a fun-filled, learning-packed half term in Year 2! The children have become dragon experts, looking in detail at features of dragons and even creating their own!

They have written an information text all about their mythical creature.

Tabei also enjoyed their orienteering trip to Redcastle, where the children learnt map skills and worked together to solve problems. Another highlight has been rehearsing and performing our nativity. The children have worked so hard learning their lines, practicing the songs and refining their performance skills! We hope you enjoyed their show. The children have taken part in lots of projects this year, including making a poppy for remembrance day, a hand-sewn Christmas tree decoration and willow lanterns. We have been so impressed with their determination to tackle tricky new skills and are so pleased with their progress throughout the last half term!



#### PSHE



This half term we are learning about dreams and goals including challenges a group can face as well as learning with others.



Our values this half term are –

Aspiration



## Our Learning So Far...

School radio - <https://drake-school.broadcast.radio/>

Our class page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-two/>

In the upcoming half term, we have lots of exciting learning planned! Our theme is 'Explore and People' and we will be learning about the different continents and oceans in the world as well as the physical and human features found in the UK and our local area.

In Maths, the children will focus on measurement of lengths, reading and interpreting data from graphs and tell the time using minute and hour hand. Science lessons will involve looking at the growth of animals including humans as well as how to maintain a healthy and balanced diet and good hygiene. For Art, the children will be getting creative by completing expressive painting. In Computing, they will develop their skills in using algorithms to programme a robot. In RE, we'll explore the theme of generosity, reflecting on why it is important and how it impacts our lives. Finally, in PE, the children will explore making different shapes and balances with their bodies in gymnastics. It promises to be a fun and busy half term filled with new challenges and learning opportunities!

### Dates for Diary

**Monday 6th January INSET DAY  
(Children not in school)**

**21st January - Lackford  
Lakes trip**

**Monday 17th-Friday 21st February -  
School closed for half term**

**PE every Thursday**

**Forest School every other Tuesday  
(Tabei to start 14th January and  
Earhart the next week 21st January)**



### Home Learning

Please continue to listen to your child read and keep sharing lots of lovely books together. We are aiming for 7 reads every week.

Weekly Maths and spellings will be issued every Monday and due back the following Monday. Keep using TTrackstars and Numbots for times tables work and spelling practice.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

### PE and Forest School

**Tabei Forest school every other Tuesday. Starting 14th January.**

**Tabei PE every Thursday afternoon.**

**Earhart forest school every other Tuesday starting 21st January.**

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