

# Reception Newsletter



## Summer 2

### Dear Families,

In Summer 1, the children started their theme: The World. They have explored animals and the different habitats around the world. Next half term, the children will continue with the theme of The World. Exploring where we are in the world, maps and globes.

Our value this half term was Respect. The children were able to think of different times in their life when they have been respectful of others and what they could do better to do this more often. The children used the word respect in their everyday life in the classroom.

Andersen Class have shown excellent independent skills through getting themselves changed for swimming.

During the Spring Term, the children worked on The royal Opera Houses Alice in Wonderland dance project. The children explored the different characters, how movement can be used to represent these, feelings and personalities. The project ended in Summer 1 with a showcase at the Carnegie Rooms, where both classes performed their dance to other attending schools.

Reception also started a very exciting project which saw 5 chicks hatch! The children have loved watching them grow and often sit to read to them.

In Summer 2, our model text in T4W will be 'The Princess and the Pea'. The children will be learning the text, exploring adventurous Vocabulary and innovating their own story.

The children have also got a visit to South Angle Farm to look forward to. Here, the children will meet different animals and find out about life on a farm.



## Curriculum Theme: The World

### Literacy:

- \*Plot: Rags to Riches
- \*Diary: A sleepless night
- \*Model text: The Princess and the Pea.
- \*Writing sentences which include capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Most/all letters should be formed correctly.

### Maths:

- \*Composition
- Cardinality
- \*Handling Data

### Art:

- \*Painting skill focus

### DT

- \*Cookery - tortilla pizzas

### PE:

- \*Swimming

### Understanding the world:

- \*The Natural World, States of matter
- \*Describing and comparing

## School Value

This half term, we will focus on the values of 'friendship' and 'trust.' We will be developing our teamwork skills and reflecting on our friendships in and out of school. We promote the development of caring individuals who support each other and explore how to work together for the greater good.

We operate in the assurance that our school aspires to help everyone achieve their best. The starting point in our relationships is the belief in the good intentions of others.

## Swimming—Attenborough Class

For Summer 1, Attenborough Class ONLY will be starting Swimming Lessons on Monday afternoons. The children need to bring their swimming kit with them:

- Swimming costume or trunks (baggy swim shorts are not acceptable due to them impeding children's mobility and making it difficult for the instructor to be able to see leg technique)
- Towel
- Swimming hat
- Goggles are optional

**The first swimming session is on Monday 15th April (the first day back)**

**Children can be collected from the Swimming pool at 2:45**

## PE and Forest Schools—Andersen Class

For Summer 1, Andersen Class ONLY will be having PE on Monday afternoons and Forest Schools on Thursdays. The children need to wear their PE kits to school on a Monday and wear their Forest School Clothes to school on a Thursday. Please remember waterproofs, wellies and a change of clothes for Forest Schools as they will go out whatever the weather.

**Forest Schools and PE will start the first week back. (Week beginning 3rd June)**

## Home Learning

We will continue practising how to say and write sounds in school with a strong focus on writing sentences. Please see Tapestry Memos for some simple sentence writing ideas. Letters and sounds will be sent home weekly as videos on Tapestry. These should be practised at home with your child.

Your child will continue to bring a library book home from school. Please read with your child as often as possible and record this in the school reading diaries.

Please continue with your maths practise using Maths tins.

### Suggested reading

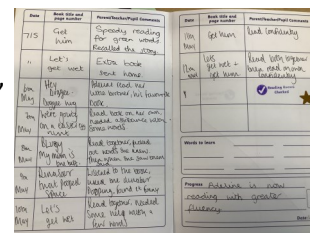
Books about the world, please feel free to share your reading on Tapestry.

### Suggested websites

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

## Reading Diaries

Reading is a fundamental part of our school. Children must read every day, this supports learning across the curriculum. The reading diary should be completed every time the children read, starting a new page each week. Star example:



## Important Dates

**03/06/24:** Return to school Arts Week

**07/06/24:** Reception Dance performance 2:50pm

**12/06/24:** Educational Visit to South Angle Farm

**25/06/24:** Sports Day

**08/07/24—12/07/24:** Transition Week

**18/07/24:** Arts Festival Day

**19/07/24:** Last day term—finish at 1pm

## A look at our learning so far...

Look at our school website to find out more about some of our learning

Reception learning



School radio podcasts



Secret Student



## School Councils and groups

Following weighing food waste every day for 3 weeks, SNAC and Eco council have been looking at the average weight and highest weight for each week. They are now working on putting together an assembly to share their findings with the rest of the school. They have also decided to run a poster competition across the school with the opportunity to name two of the chicks hatched in Reception.

## Behaviour

In school, we earn a class marble when we work well as a class to achieve something.

Secret students are picked randomly daily. The class staff will observe the secret student throughout the day. When the secret student has made good choices throughout the day. We share these on our school website.

Total class marbles stand at 339.

To see the secret students for last half term, visit: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/reception-secret-student/>

## Attendance

The attendance expectation at Drake Primary School is 100%.

We look forward to working together to ensure high attendance across the year.

Attenborough attendance is 95.35%

Andersen attendance is 94.21%

## Pupil voice

"I have really enjoyed swimming. I can blow bubbles in the water and get all of my face wet."

"I loved when we learnt our doubles song."

## Safeguarding Notice



The website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Reception information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at

If you have any questions about the classroom or any other school related issue, please do not hesitate to email the school office:, we will either email you or arrange a time to call you.

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