

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn 1



Dear Families,

We hope that you have had a chance to relax over summer and that your families are keeping well. We are excited to welcome the children back to school for the start of Year 2!

This half term our theme is Explore. The key questions we are building our learning around are: Why do we explore? Is there anything left to find? What is it like to find somewhere you've never been before? Is everyone lucky enough to explore? As part of their learning children will learn the 7 continents, 5 oceans and the countries of the United Kingdom as well as developing their map skills.

Our first Year 2 trip will take place on Tuesday 26th September 2023. We will be visiting Time & Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth to experience their 'Explorers' activity day which will support and extend our Theme.

We will join the explorer Ida Flower in finding out what qualities make a true explorer and how to succeed when travelling to new and unexplored places!

Drop off time for Year 2 is 8.40am and pick up time is 3.15pm.

Our school rules are in place to keep everybody safe:

- 1) Praise. No put down
- 2) Hands, feet and objects to yourself
- 3) Follow instructions
- 4) Talk quietly, stay on task

Curriculum Theme: Explore

Maths:

- Place value
- Addition
- Subtraction

English:

- Learning a familiar quest story and writing their own.
- Beginning to use joins in handwriting.
- Learning new spelling rules.

Science:

- Classifying and identifying materials.

Geography:

- Name and locate the worlds 7 continents and 5 oceans.
- Begin to use and create our own maps.

PE:

- Develop fundamental ball skills
- Perform skills with increasing control

ART:

- Explore and draw using the nature around us.

PSHE:

- How to communicate our feelings.

RE:

- Exploring the nature of God.

School Values

Our school value for this half term is **hope**. We will build confidence that we all are able to grow and improve through both our successes and our failures. We are certain we can all make a difference in helping the world become a better place.

P.E, Forest Schools and Music

Year 2 will have **PE** every Tuesday. The children need to come into school on this day wearing their PE kit:

- House colour P.E t-shirt with Drake Primary School badge
- Black shorts / jogging trousers
- Plain black plimsolls/trainers
- Grey or white ankle socks

Forest Schools will be on a Thursday with Tabei one week and Earhart the next. Children need to bring their Forest School clothes into school with them along with a spare set of clothes for those extra messy weeks! Tabei - 14th Sept, 28th Sept, 12th Oct, 2nd Nov, 16th Nov, 30th Nov. Earhart - 21st Sept, 5th Oct, 19th Oct, 9th Nov, 23rd Nov, 7th Dec.

Music

This term we'll be having weekly music sessions with Mrs Carruthers, our Musician in Residence. We'll be creating a class composition with invented notation about a boat journey through a storm.

Home Learning

- Reading - please start a new double page every week and comment in your child's reading diary when you read with them.
- Sumdog maths website

On Google Classroom:

- Weekly Spellings (also on Spelling Shed)
- Weekly maths task

Suggested websites

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/explorers/>
[Sumdog: https://www.sumdog.com/en/](https://www.sumdog.com/en/)
[BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary)

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.

Important Dates

6th September—Whole school visit to high lodge.
26th September—Trip to Time and Tide museum.
28th September—Year 2 Parent Cafe
9th October— Concert show at Carnegie room.
20th October—Last day of half-term
23rd-27th October—Half term.
Assemblies= Earhart—28.11.23 & Tabei—5.12.23

Radio

Please use the link below to access our school radio and listen to the children commenting on their learning.

<https://drakeschool.broadcast.radio/>

A look at our learning so far...

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

Year 2 class page with photos



School radio podcasts



Year 2 timetables



School Councils and groups

The pupil led councils will continue this year with the same members. These will change in January. School councils work within their specialist areas with a member of staff to discuss what is done currently at school and share ideas to develop their areas further.

Behaviour

In school, we earn merits for demonstrating our learning powers, positive behaviours and outstanding effort and achievement.

We can also earn a class marble when we work well as a class to achieve something. Once we have got a full marble jar, the children will be able to decide as a class the reward that they would like to have and we will arrange a day for this to take place.

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 and the child will be awarded with a certificate.

Attendance

The attendance expectation at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Pupil voice

I am looking forward to year 2 because the work looks like it will be fun.

Earhart Pupil

I am so excited for year 2 and to learn all about explorers.

Tabei Pupil

Safeguarding Notice

At Drake, we understand that it is important for all of us to work together as a community to take an active role in teaching children about online safety. In school, we use National Online Safety resources which provide us with resources for our teachers and our families.

Use the links below to find a variety of resources and helpful videos/posters which provide vital information about current games, apps, and platforms that the children may be accessing and steps you can take to keep them safe.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/drake-primary-school>

You can also download the National Online Safety app on any device

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

The school website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 2 information can be found at:

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2023-24-2/>

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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