

Year 3 Newsletter



Autumn 1

Dear Families,

We are excited to welcome the children back to school for the start of Year 3! We will do our utmost to make sure that the transition back to school is as smooth as possible, so we will be focusing on the wellbeing of the children and settling them back into school routines. We have an exciting and busy half term ahead and our new theme is 'Origins.' We will be visiting Norwich Castle to undertake some 'Mystery of Prehistory' workshops.

Our new classes are named after William Kamkwamba (a Malawian inventor and engineer) and Zaha Hadid (an Iraqi architect). Miss Ware and Miss Lockwood will be teaching in Hadid and Mrs Bisset and Mrs Bowes will teach Kamkwamba class. Drop off time for Year 3 is 8.40am at the Stag gate and pick up time is 3.15pm. We will work together to follow our school rules as usual. They make our learning environment safe for everyone:

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

Morning snack is not provided for Key Stage 2, so if you would like your child to have a snack at playtime, please send them in with a piece of fruit or vegetable.



Curriculum Theme: Origins

We will be studying pre-history, with a focus on the Stone Age. We will learn about the origins and migration of humanity, as well as what makes a community. We will put events in chronological order, create cave paintings, learn about how Neolithic hunter gathers survived in the Stone Age and the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In English we will base our learning around the narrative 'The Stone Age Boy.' In maths, we will practise our calculation strategies for addition and subtraction, as well as developing our place value knowledge. We will be learning about rocks, fossils and soils in science and computer networks. Our RSHE theme will be 'My Feelings,' focusing on our self-esteem and recognising our strengths. We will have an introduction to French and draw self portraits in art.

School Value

This half term, we will focus on the school value of 'hope.' We will build confidence that we all are able to grow and improve through both our successes and failures. We are certain we can all make a difference in helping the world become a better place. We will think about our hopes for year 3 and how we can have an optimistic state of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes.

P.E. / Forest School / Music

PE: This half term Year 3 will have PE every **Monday**. Please come to school in PE kit, and make sure long hair is tied back. Just a reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. We will be learning how to play badminton! In school, children need to wear school uniform and full PE kit, please see the link below: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/uniform-information/>

Forest School: Year 3 will have Forest Schools sessions on **alternate Tuesdays**. Please come to school in Forest School clothing (and with a change of clothes, wellies and waterproofs).

Kamkwamba: 12th Sept, 26th Sept, 10th Oct, HALF TERM, 31st Oct, 14th Nov, 28th Nov

Hadid: 19th Sept, 3rd Oct, 17th Oct, HALF TERM, 7th Nov, 21st Nov, 5th Dec

Music: This term we will be having weekly music sessions with Mrs Carruthers, our Musician in Residence. We'll be learning how to play the glockenspiel. Music sessions will be on Wednesdays.

Home Learning

Reading

Please listen to your child read, we are aiming for 7 reads every week. Remember to record any reading in your Reading Record. Children who read 7 times will get a star and extra merits.

Sumdog

Children need to complete 10 minutes of Sumdog maths practise, 3 times a week. This is so they become fluent in times tables.

Sumdog: www.sumdog.com/en/

On Google Classroom:

Weekly Spellings

Suggested reading

The Stone Age: Hunters, Gatherers and Woolly Mammoths by Marcia Williams

Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver

The Boy with the Bronze Axe by Kathleen Fidler

Suggested websites

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk/articles/zfg9bqt>

English Heritage Prehistory: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/story-of-england/>

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. Each time they read, a section of the reading record should be filled in to reflect this. When you read with them please ask questions to check for comprehension and understanding of the text. The whole school focus for reading is **7 times a week**.

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th September: High Lodge visit

Friday 22nd September: Norwich Castle Trip – Mystery of prehistory

October: Black History Month

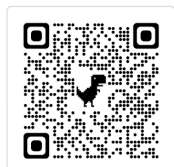
October 17th: Year 3 assembly

w/b 23rd October: Half term
November 30th—Year 3 cafe

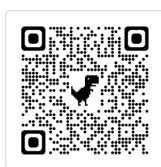
A look at our learning so far...

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

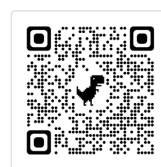
Transition week photos



School radio podcasts



Year 3 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. When we fill our marble jar, we will vote on a class reward.

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.

To see the secret students for Year 3, visit:
<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-3-secret-students/>

Attendance

The attendance expectation attendance at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Pupil voice

“How long ago was the Stone Age?”
“What did people eat in the Stone Age?”

“What did people hunt in the Stone Age?”
“Where did people live in the Stone Age? Did they all live in caves?”

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 website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 3 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-three/>

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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