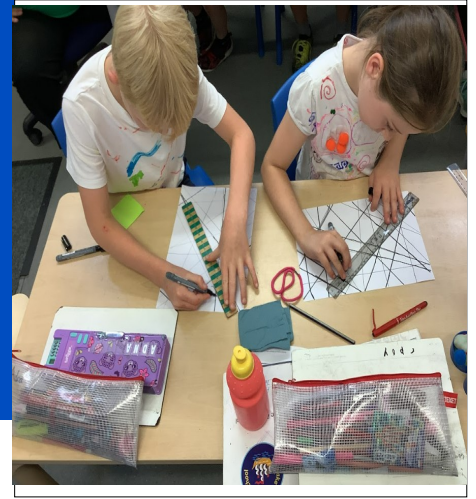


Year 4 Newsletter



Autumn 1



Dear Families,

We hope you have had a safe and happy summer break and are ready and excited for a new year at Drake Primary School with Mr Adair and Mrs Farraway. We are looking forward to teaching your children this year.

This year will be exciting and we will be kicking it off with a bang with our trip to Norwich Castle, on 15th of September 2023. Additionally this year, we have a residential trip to Bawdsey Manor in Suffolk, leaving on Monday 25th March 2024 to Wednesday 27th March 2024

Our longitudinal study for this year will be looking at how evaporation varies throughout the year depending on the seasons.

School starts at 8:45 and finishes at 3:15. Year 4 arrive and exit school at the door from the corridor near the Year 4 classrooms which is by the bird boxes climbing equipment. Children must not use the equipment before or after school please.

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

School Values

This half term, our school value is hope. At Drake we want the children to have steadfast confidence that they can grow and improve through both successes and failures. We want children to believe they can make a difference to help the world become a better place.

Curriculum Theme: Folk

Our general theme for this term of 'Folk' will be focused around Thetford, our local area. Children will learn about heritage and the history of our community. Part of this will be learning about the importance of community and why humans have congregated and settled in this way.

Our focus book for this term will be Beowulf, which is the oldest recorded story in English and was passed down through oral traditions. This text and the theme will all contribute to a rich experience which links with their trip to Norwich Castle.

For Design and Technology we will be

P.E, Forest Schools and Music

During Autumn term, Year 4 are looking forward to PE on Tuesdays where we will be focussing on Basketball. During these sessions we will be focusing on both technical and tactical development. Please ensure children arrive to school in their PE kits on Tuesdays.

On Wednesdays, Year 4 will have forest school, where they will get to experience exploring our **new** forest school area. On Wednesday's please can you ensure children are wearing long sleeved clothing for their safety.

Music

This term we'll be having weekly music sessions with our Musician in Residence from the Music Hub. We will be learning to play the recorder and become a part of a Key Stage 2 Orchestra.

Home Learning

Reading

Daily reading. Adults should read out loud to the children too, so they can model reading with fluency and expression.

Spellings Words will be sent out weekly, for your child to practice. We will be completing spelling tests on Friday's.

Times Tables

In year 4, we have a great focus on children learning their multiples up to 12x.

For times table practice at home, different times tables will be set each week for your child to complete on SumDog.

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 week children will be given reading stars for each time they complete 7 reads.

Important Dates

6th September—Whole school visit to High Lodge

15th September 2023—Norwich Castle visit

3rd October 2023—Maathai assembly

10th October—Turing Assembly

16th November—Y4 Cafe

A look at our learning so far...

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

Year 4 class page with photos



School radio podcasts



Year 4 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.

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.

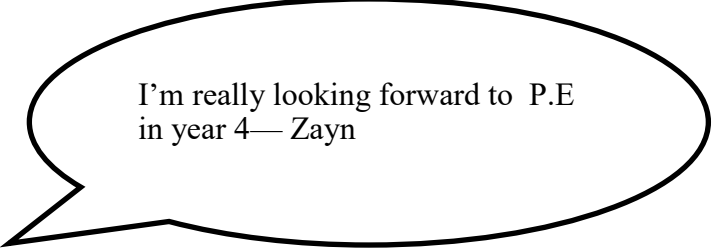
<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/secret-student/>

Attendance

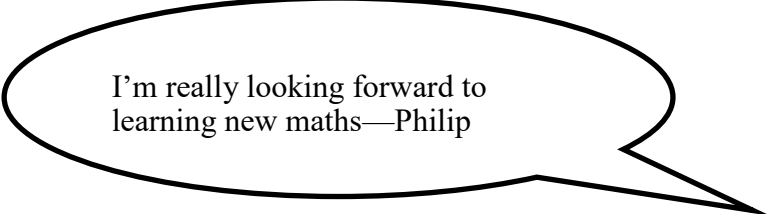
The attendance expectation at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Pupil voice



I'm really looking forward to P.E in year 4— Zayn



I'm really looking forward to learning new maths—Philip

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 window into learning at our school. Year 4 information can be found at [drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-four/](https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-four/)

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. Mr Adair and Mrs Farraway

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