

Year 5 Newsletter



Autumn 1

Welcome back!

We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful Summer holiday. 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 the school routines. Our staff team consists of Mr Daniel (Tereshkova) and Mr Starling (Curie) and supported by Mrs Brown and Ms Wiseman.

Our classes this year are named after two female pioneers – Valentina Tereshkova and Marie Curie. We will be learning about each of our pioneers in class. Our curriculum theme this term is 'Life and Death' and we will be considering a range of key questions. How can we remember people even if we can no longer see them? How will people remember us when we're gone? What have powerful people done to be remembered? We will be looking at life in Ancient Egypt and exploring its influence for modern civilisations.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and has a labelled coat and water bottle in school.

Please support your child in their learning by encouraging our school rules and values at home.

- 1) Praise. No put down
- 2) Hands, feet and objects to yourself
- 3) Follow instructions

School Value

This half term our focus value will be hope. We will be looking at the year ahead and begin to think about our own hopes for this coming year. We will link this closely with our learning powers and growth mindset.



Curriculum Theme:

This term, we are going to be looking at the theme of Life and Death.

Our key focus this half term will be the Egyptians and how they perceived life and death. We are also going to be focusing upon Africa and the impacts of deserts and other issues which affect daily life. In Science, we will be exploring the properties of materials and how they can change. We will be learning the units 'My feelings' and 'My body' in RSHE lessons.

Our focus author will be Sophie Anderson throughout the Autumn term. The key text we will be focusing on is 'The House with Chicken Legs'.



More information is available on the school website.

P.E. and Music

Year 5 will be swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. Children are to come into school in PE kit to reduce time taken to change and to allow more time in the pool. A reminder, the Drake swimming kit consists of:

- Plain navy swimming costume or plain navy swimming trunks (not shorts)
- Towel
- Swimming hat
- No earrings (these are not permitted in school)

Our weekly music sessions with musicians from the Norfolk Music Hub will continue this year, every Wednesday, with an additional session on a Thursday. More information on the structure of this will be releasing in the coming weeks.

Reading Diaries and Homework

Homework will be set weekly, more information will be shared on Google Classroom. Homework will consist of activities which consolidate and develop the learning in school. Each week will be a theme-based activity, maths, times tables, comprehension and spelling.

Reading is incredibly important for all children as it helps to develop confidence, vocabulary acquisition and understanding. Please read with your child regularly to support this. Your child will be sent home with a reading diary. These will be checked throughout the week and monitored on a Monday. Children should aim to read at least 7 times a week and record this in their diary.

Thank you, The Year 5 team

Suggested reading

The House with Chicken Legs –Sophie Anderson

The Egyptians (Hide-and-Seek History) -Jonny Marx

Important Dates

Wednesday 6th September: First day of school —High Lodge visit

October: Black History Month

w/b 23rd October: Half term

7th November: Year 5 Assembly

23rd November: Year 5 Cafe

Radio

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

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

A look at our learning so far...

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

Remember you can look at what we have planned for the week on the website too:

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-five/>

The children will also be creating podcasts for the school radio. All podcast can be found here:

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/>

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

In Year 5, I'm looking forward to learning about the Egyptians

I am looking forward to Year 5 because its going to be interesting and we will learn new things.

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 5 information can be found at <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-five/>

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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