

# Year 1 Newsletter



Autumn 1



## Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for the start of Year 1! We are excited to continue our learning and explore our theme for this term, Me. As part of our theme, the children will be exploring and learning about themselves as well as considering past events. As part of our History focus, we will not only think about who is in our family, but we will also reflect on past events and celebrations within our families. We will consider the past thinking about what transport, toys, clothing and school looked like years ago compared to the present. As part of our PSHE lessons, the children will continue to discuss themselves and their identities and will also go on to consider their own and other's emotions. In Science, we will explore the 5 senses and expand this through discussing the parts of our body.

School starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. Children will need to be dropped off and collected from their classrooms. Please arrive before 8:45 to ensure that children can start the day inside their classrooms promptly.

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 and stay on task.

## School Values

This half term, our value is Hope. We will explore how we can all grow and learn to improve our successes. We will look at how having hope can support the world in becoming a better place.

## Curriculum

### Theme: Me!

This term we are beginning our theme, Me!

English:

Our model text this half term will be the enormous turnip. In this we will explore openings and endings to a story and write our own cumulative story.

Maths

- Doubling
- Place Value to 10
- Addition and Subtraction to 20
- Measurement—Length, Height, Capacity, Weight and Volume

Science

- The 5 Senses
- Features of the Human Body
- Seasonal Changes

Computing

- Online Safety
- Understanding Technology

History:

- Exploring the past and present
- Families, schools, transport, toys and clothes

## P.E. and Forest School

This half term both Rashford and Merian Class will have PE on Fridays starting Friday 15th September. This term we will be exploring fundamental movement skills.

Please could you ensure that the children come dressed to school every Friday wearing the following PE clothing:

- House colour P.E t-shirt
- Black shorts / jogging trousers
- Plain sports trainers
- Grey or white ankle socks

Year 1 will not be attending Forest School this half term.

## Home Learning

- Reading (**7 times a week**) (incl. reading diaries)
- Spellings will be released weekly on Tapestry
- Spellings will be tested each Friday
- Phonics Videos will be sent home weekly on Tapestry

### Suggested websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p>  
- **BBC Bitesize**

<https://learn.sumdog.com/> - **Sumdog**

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - **Phonics Play**

## 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. The whole school focus for reading is **7 times a week**.

## Important Dates

**6th September**—First Day back at School (Whole School High Lodge Visit)

**12th October**— Year 1 cafe

**Week Commencing 9th October**—  
Assessment Week

14th November—Merian Assembly

21st November—Rashford Assembly

## 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

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

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2023-2024/>

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. 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.

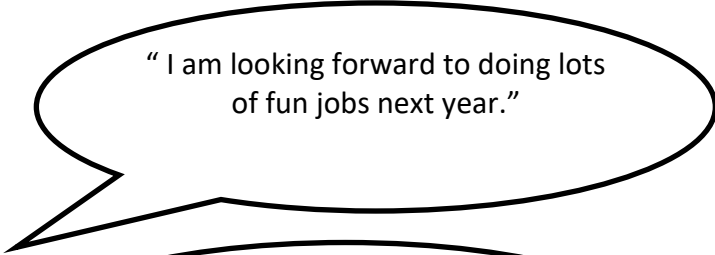
Secret students are picked randomly daily. The class staff will observe the secret student throughout the day. When the secret student has made good choices throughout the day. We share these on our school website and the child will be awarded with a certificate.

## Attendance

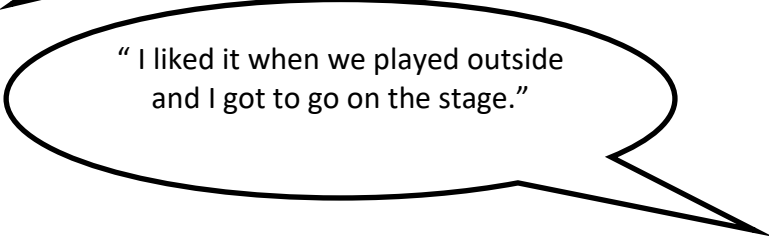
The attendance expectation attendance at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

## Pupil voice



“ I am looking forward to doing lots of fun jobs next year.”



“ I liked it when we played outside and I got to go on the stage.”

## 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. Win 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 in 1 information can be found at:

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2023-2024/>

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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