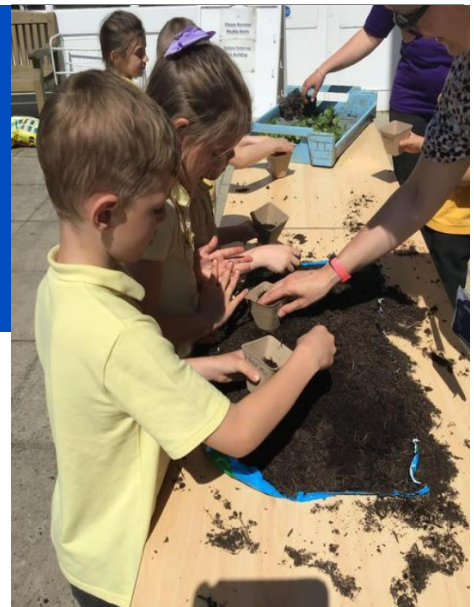


Year 2 Newsletter



Summer 2



Dear Families,

We have had a fantastic Summer 1 where we started our new theme connections. We visited the Carnegie rooms to showcase our 'Alice's adventures in Wonderland' inspired dance to the Royal Opera House and some other schools in Thetford. We have also had our skills escalator afternoon which engaged the Year 2's with what impact they could make in their future.

Our next educational visit is to Lackford Lakes where we will be investigating habitats, learning about classification, exploring life-cycles of animals and plants and identifying birds. This links with our Science topic this term 'Living things and habitats'.

In English we will be looking at our new model text 'Should Mr Wolf become a vegetarian' and using this to write our own persuasive letter to Plop the owl. We will use the book 'The Owl afraid of the dark' to persuade Plop to come outside at night.

In Maths, we will be deepening our understanding of the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be ensuring that our understanding of place value is secure and that we can confidently use strategies to work out answers.

Our theme, Connections, continue and develop further as we explore Australia and make comparisons between the United Kingdom and Australia. We will also be looking at the Polar climates and comparing these regions to the UK.

Our new topic in PSHE is asking for help. We will look at the difference between secrets and surprises and the importance of not keeping a secret that makes them feel uncomfortable, worried or afraid.

Follow the link below to see the Year 2 curriculum:

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-2-curriculum-2/>

Our Learning this half term

Maths

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Reasoning questions

English

- Listening to, discussing and expressing views about stories
- Writing a persuasive text

Geography

- Comparing the UK to Australia and the Polar regions by exploring local grounds.
- Geographical skills and field work.
- Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and the contrast to other countries.

Science

- Living things and their habitat

RE

- Active RE—a mix of PE and RE where we will explore biblical stories.

PE

- Swimming

Design Technology:

- Cooking

School Value

This half term, our value focus is Trust and Friendship. We will promote the development of caring individuals who can and do support each other and explore how to work together for the greater good.

P.E, Swimming and Music.

This half term, Year 2 will continue to have swimming lessons on **Tuesday** afternoons. The children will walk to the swimming pool after eating at lunchtime and be back at school ready for normal pick up time. The children will be required to wear a swimming costume or trunks. They will need to bring a towel, swimming hat and goggles are optional.

The children will also be continuing with Active RE on **Mondays**. The children will need to wear their PE kits to school every Monday.

We will continue to work with our in house music residence Mrs Curruthers every Wednesday afternoon, learning different songs to play on the Glockenspiel.

Home Learning

- Reading - please continue to start a new double page every week and comment in your child's reading diary when you read with them. Every time a child reads at home 5 times a week, they will receive extra merits.
- Sumdog maths website—all children should now have their logins stuck in their reading diaries.

On Google Classroom:

- Weekly Spellings for our test every Friday (also available on Sumdog)
- Weekly maths task

Suggested websites:

[Sumdog: https://www.sumdog.com/en/](https://www.sumdog.com/en/)

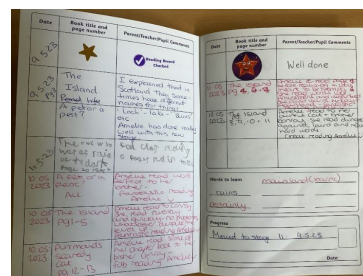
[BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary)

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland

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.

Star example:



Important Dates

- 3rd June** - Back to school
- 5th June** - Year 2 Dance showcase to parents
- 6th June** - Parent Cafe
- 3rd-7th June** - Arts Week
- 4th June** - Lackford Lakes
- 19th June** - Cricket event
- 19th June** - Summer concert
- 25th June** - Sports Day
- 2nd July** - Year 2 assembly
- 8th - 12th July**—Transition week
- 18th July**—Summer fete
- 19th July**—Last day at school, 1pm finish.

A look at our learning so far...

Year 2 class page



with photos

School radio podcasts



Year 2 timetables



School Councils and groups

Following weighing food waste every day for 3 weeks, SNAC and Eco council have been looking at the average weight and highest weight for each week. They are now working on putting together an assembly to share their findings with the rest of the school. They have also decided to run a poster competition across the school with the opportunity to name two of the chicks hatched in Reception. Keep a look out for further details at the start of Summer 2!

Behaviour

In class, we can 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.

Year 2 total marbles this year: 331

To see the secret students for last half term, visit: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-2-secret-student-1/>

Attendance

It is a statutory requirement for children to be in school everyday. Therefore, the attendance expectation attendance at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Earhart attendance this year: 96%

Tabei attendance this year: 95%

Pupil voice

I have enjoyed writing my own portal story - my story was about a turtle that was transported to a palace and found a magic ring that gave him powers.

I have enjoyed Geography this term and learning about the similarities and differences between Australia and the UK. I like to learn about what happens in different parts of the world.

Pastoral Notice



The website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 2 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at

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

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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