

Year 2 Newsletter



Summer 1

Dear Families,

We hope that you all have a chance to relax over Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to the summer term! We have an exciting and a busy half term ahead, with our new theme: Connections.

We will be looking at the key questions:

Is everything connected? Are we connected to our environments or surroundings? Are we responsible for animals or plants?

We will be looking back at all the things we have learnt in Key Stage 1 and making connections between them. In English, we will base our learning on the narrative 'the door', learning this text to help us create our own portal narrative that builds suspense. In maths, we will begin by looking at place value to 100 and then move on to measuring capacity and volume.

In science, we will learn about habitats and how plants and animals depend on each other. In geography, we will compare the UK and Australia, exploring the human and physical features and the contrast between the two countries, as well as developing our map skills. In RE we will have an exciting visitor from the Thetford Ministry come in each week to deliver Active RE sessions, we will explore the significant bible stories in Christianity through the use of PE and team games.

On Wednesday 17th April, KS1 will be heading to the Carnegie rooms for a sharing event with the Royal Opera House. Each class will be sharing their dance based on the book 'Alice's adventures in wonderland'. Last term we worked on choreographing our own piece based off of the different characters in the story and we are looking forward to sharing these with different schools and year groups.

Follow the link below to see the Year 2 curriculum:

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

School Value

This half term, our value focus is **Respect**. The children will be thinking about what respect means, why it is important and how the different ways we can show respect.



Our Learning this half term

Maths

- Place Value—numbers to 100
- Measure: Capacity and volume.
- Measure: Mass

English

- Listening to, discussing and expressing views about Stories
- Writing a portal narrative
- Using specific vocabulary to build suspense in writing

Geography

- Comparing the UK to Australia 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

P.E— Swimming and Active RE.

This half term, Year 2 will have swimming lessons on **Tuesday** afternoons, starting on **XXXX**. The children will walk to the swimming pool after eating at lunchtime and will be back at school for normal pick up time. Swimming lessons will be taught by a professional swim coach and lifeguards at the Leisure Centre. The Year 2 staff from school will be there too. Please remind your child not to wear earrings and to tie up long hair on Tuesdays. Children must not wear any jewellery, the swimming instructors will not allow children into the pool with earrings on.

The children will be required to wear a swimming costume or trunks (baggy swim shorts are not acceptable due to them impeding children's mobility and making it difficult for the instructor to be able to see leg technique). They will need to bring a towel, swimming hat and goggles are optional.

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

Music: This term we'll continue our music sessions every Wednesday with Mrs Carruthers.

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)

Suggested websites:

Sumdog: <https://www.sumdog.com/en/>

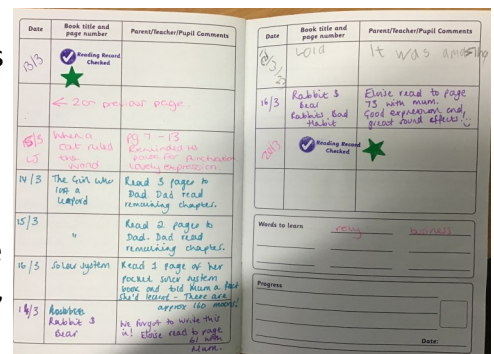
BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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.



Important Dates

15th April– Return to School

17th April - ROH sharing event at Carnegie rooms

19th April—Wear rainbow colour socks.

6th May—Closed for Bank holiday

9th May - Skills escalator day —Charles Burrell

22nd May – Class photos

24th May - Last Day of half-term

27th—31st May—May Half Term

A look at our learning so far...

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

Year 2 class page with photos



School radio podcasts



Year 2 timetables



School Councils and groups

The children of Radio Council are now operating Radio Drake entirely independently. Councillor roles include recording and editing the weather, setting up the content flow of each day, hosting and producing lunchtime live shows (tune in everyday at 12:30!) and interviewing guests who visit our school. The station broadcasts 24 hours a day, every day of the week. Listen here: tinyurl.com/radiodrake

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.

Year 2 total merits this year: 5,501

Year 2 total marbles this year: 274

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 at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Earhart attendance this year: 96.67%

Tabei attendance this year: 95.13%

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'I've enjoyed Science this term. I liked going outside and finding different living things like insects and then using pictograms to see our results and how it is different to what we found in Autumn'

'I really like DT because I have been designing my own bookmark and now I have cross stitched it using blue binca and pink thread to spell out my name—it was really fun'.

Safeguarding Notice



Dads Matter

A 12-week course supporting fathers. Whether a father is living with his children or apart from them, his role in their upbringing is of huge importance. The course covers child development and understanding why children behave as they do, as well as offering practical tools and exploring techniques to help manage our own and our children's behaviour and emotions.

12 week course starting Friday 19 April:

Thetford Family Hub
Kingsway, Thetford,
IP24 3DY

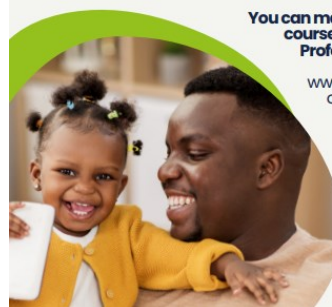
12:45 - 2:45pm

Any significant male role models within a child's life, such as step-dads, uncles, grandfathers are welcome.



You can make a referral for a place on this course by visiting the 'Information for Professionals' page on our website.

www.norfolk.gov.uk/earlychildhood or scan the QR code below to be taken straight to the page.



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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