

# Year 2 Newsletter



Spring 2



## Dear Families,

In Spring 2 we will be continuing our theme 'People' where we will be looking at exploring Britain's most important monarchs and understanding of events, people and changes in the past.

Our key enquiry questions are:

- What is a monarch? Why do we have a King?

We will be beginning our new Science unit 'Plants', we will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs turn into mature plants, find out what plants need to stay healthy and have the opportunity to grow our very own bean plant.

In design technology we will be working on our running and cross stitches. We will be planning, designing, making and evaluating our very own bookmarks made of binca and wool.

We have started our Create and Dance project with the Royal Opera house. This is part of the award-winning ROH National Schools Programme. It offers an inclusive approach to leading dance and storytelling that helps pupils develop creative collaboration, physical learning, spatial awareness and general health and well-being. We will be using the ballet 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' as a stimulus that each class will use to create their own dance which will be shared in front of some of the ROH dancers at the Carnegie rooms in April.

## Our Learning this half term

### Maths

- Addition and subtraction
- Money
- Geometry

### English

- Non-fiction text: The Vampire Dragon.

### History

- The lives of significant people
- Monarchs

### Science

- Plants

### PSHE:

- My beliefs

### PE:

- Royal Opera House—Create and dance project.

### Computing:

- Data and information

### Design Technology

- Cut, Stitch and Join

### RE:

- Developing values—Christianity and Judaism

## School Value

This half term, our value focus is COURAGE and LOVE. We will investigate what 'courageous advocacy' means. We will discuss themes such as 'What I choose to stand up for,' 'What I advocate for' and 'What I care about.' We will be equipped with the skills, tools, confidence, and opportunity to speak up and take action on issues of justice.

## P.E, Forest School and Music

Year 2 have PE every Tuesday. The children need to come into school on this day wearing their PE kit:

- House coloured P.E t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black jogging trousers
- Plain black plimsolls
- Plain sports trainers
- Grey or white ankle socks

**Forest Schools** will be on a Thursday with Tabei one week and Earhart the next. Children need to bring their Forest School clothes into school with them along with a spare set of clothes for those extra messy weeks! Tabei every other week commencing 29th February. Earhart every other week commencing 7th March.

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

#### Suggested websites:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/search/kings-and-queens/>

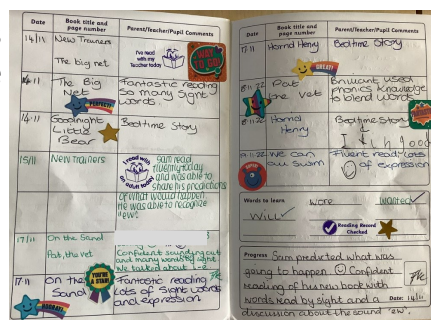
Sumdog: <https://www.sumdog.com/en/>

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

### 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

**Monday 26th Feb:** Start of Spring 2

**Tuesday 27th Feb:** Bringing books to life workshop

**Thursday 7th Mar:** World Book Day

**w/b 11th Mar:** British Science week

**11th Mar to 13th Mar:** Parent Evenings

**Monday 25th Mar:** Year 2 Class Assembly

**Tuesday 26th Mar:** INSET day

**Thursday 28th Mar:** End of term, finish at 1pm

## 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

EAL Council has a very exciting project to undertake. As part of the Art Festival at the end of the year, we are singing a wonderful song called Dreams Roll Away and some of the original lyrics were in Swahili, Welsh and French. As a council, we decided that it would be far more representative of our EAL community at Drake to change these lyrics to Polish and Lithuanian. We will be learning this in singing assembly.

## 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: 4,587**

**Year 2 total marbles this year: 202**

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

## 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: 96.51%**

**Tabei attendance this year: 95.42%**

## Pupil voice

"I really enjoyed the school trip to Kings House to meet the mayor and I like learning about History, I've enjoyed learning all about the important peo-

"I enjoy pretty much everything! I like Science the most because I learn new things everyday and sometimes get to test it out"

## Pastoral Notice

As you know, attendance at school is important. Children report that coming back into school having missed some lessons and trying to catch up with the other children is challenging.

UK Health Security Agency NHS

### Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**  
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qco.de/minfoc>

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

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.secure-primariesite.net/2023-24-2/>

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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