

# Year 2 Newsletter



Spring 1

## Dear Families,

We have another exciting term planned, where the children will continue to develop their resilience and Growth Mindset. They will build upon prior learning and think critically when solving problems across all areas of the curriculum.

Our Theme for the Spring Term is 'People'. We will learn about significant people in history - their legacy and influence on today's society and think about why some people are remembered and others are not. As a class, we will be exploring Britain's most important monarchs and the reasons why they are remembered.

Our key enquiry question is:

- What can we find in our town? Has it always been like this?

We will be using this question to look at the 'famous folk of Thetford', where we will take a visit to King's House and see the Mayor's Parlour, the portraits of past mayors, and take part in activities that introduce the topic of Allan Minns, a doctor and civic leader, who was the first elected black mayor in Great Britain.

Our key Talk for Writing text for Spring 1 is a warning tale, 'Kassim and the Greedy dragon', we will be using this to write our very own .



## Our Learning this half term

### Maths

- Time
- Fractions
- Addition and subtraction

### English

- Warning Tale—Kassim and the Greedy dragon

### History

- The lives of significant people
- Monarchs

### Science

- Animals including humans

### PSHE:

- My relationships

### PE:

- Invasion games

### Computing:

- Algorithms

### Art:

- Expressive painting

### RE:

- Places of worship

## School Value

This half term, our value focus is aspirations. The children will think about their aspirations for this year and their future, mapping out how they are going to achieve them. They will begin to understand that aspirations can be short term or long term but all of them involve commitment and effort.

## 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 / jogging trousers
- Plain black plimsolls / 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 11th January. Earhart every other week commencing 18th January.

Music: This term we'll continue our music sessions 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:

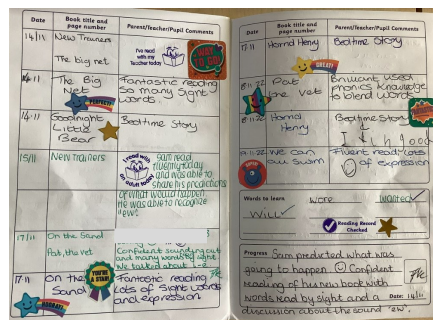
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/search/kings-and-queens/>

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

- 4th January - Return to School
- 11th January—School trip to Kings House
- 19th January—Road safety magic show
- 1st February—Year 2 Parent Cafe
- 16th February - Finish for half term
- 19th - 23rd February - 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

Throughout the Autumn term the school council has been focusing on supporting others in our community and fundraising. We have collected and delivered donations for the local food bank. We then worked hard to plan a fundraising event for Children in Need and raised £1866. In Spring we will be doing a project linked to school values and behaviour.

## 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: 2955**

**Year 2 total marbles this year: 98**

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: 96.98%**

**Tabei attendance this year: 96.13%**

## Pupil voice

My favourite subject this term has been Maths as I like learning my multiplication and timetables.

I have loved Science because I am figuring out stuff that I don't know about yet and I love learning new things.

## Safeguarding Notice

We have been made aware of the increase of vaping in children and would like families to be aware of the risks. These risks may also affect children who access vapes left around or found.

School is a non-smoking and non-vaping site. Please ensure that you do not use vapes whilst on school grounds.



Information links

[NHS—Young people and vaping](#)

[Kidshealth—e-cigarettes](#)

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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