

Year 2 Newsletter



Autumn 2

Dear Families,

We are proud of how the children have settled in to Year 2. They are beginning to get used to the difference in expectations between Year 1 and Year 2 and are coping well with the challenges this presents.

So far this term, we have enjoyed our trip to the Time & Tide Museum, in which children gained an appreciation of what it would have been like to be an explorer and the qualities explorers need. To complement this, in Geography we have been working hard on learning to name and locate the continents and oceans of the world. In English, the children enthusiastically learned our model text, 'The Story of Pirate Tom'. You can see videos of both classes retelling the story on the Year 2 page on the school website. Following this, the children innovated the model text to create their own pirate quest story. We enjoyed welcoming so many of you to the Maths café to explore the concrete resources we use in school.

We are looking forward to lots more learning in Autumn 2. We will work together to follow our school rules as usual. They make our learning environment safe for everyone:

- 1) Praise. No put down.
- 2) Hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- 3) Follow instructions.
- 4) Talk quietly, stay on task.



Curriculum Theme: Explore

Maths:

- Measure: Length
- Graphs
- Multiplication and division (2x, 5x and 10x)

English:

- Instruction texts—how to look after a pet unicorn.

Science:

- Classifying and identifying materials.

Geography:

- Name and locate the countries and capital cities of the UK.

PE:

- Tag Rugby

ART:

- Explore and draw using the nature around us.

PSHE/RSHE:

- Correctly name the main parts of the body, including external genitalia.
- Recognise how we grow and change as we become older.

RE:

- What is the importance of generosity?

School Values

This half term, our values are kindness and forgiveness. We will focus on the positive and will be looking out for acts of generosity and goodwill. But we also know everything does not always go to plan. We will start to look at the causes and impacts of our actions on those around us. We acknowledge that the world is not a perfect place and know that hurts will arise. We have the strength and resilience to challenge injustice.

P.E, Forest Schools 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 - 2nd Nov, 16th Nov, 30th Nov. Earhart - 9th Nov, 23rd Nov, 7th Dec.

Music

This term we'll continue our fortnightly music sessions with Mrs Carruthers, our Musician in Residence. We'll be creating a class composition with invented notation about a boat journey through a storm.

Home Learning

- Reading - please start a new double page every week and comment in your child's reading diary when you read with them.
- Sumdog maths website

On Google Classroom:

- Weekly Spellings

Suggested websites

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/explorers/>

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. Children will receive a gold star if they read more than 7 times a week.

Important Dates

1st November—Individual photos

17th November—Children in Need

w/c 20h November— Parents evenings

28th November—Earhart class assembly

5th December—Tabei class assembly

Wednesday 20th Dec- Last day of Term. Finish at 1pm

Dates for Christmas events will be shared soon

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

This term, eco council are reviewing biodiversity and recycling. We are starting a 'BioBlitz' project, where we aim to survey, collect data and increase the biodiversity in our school grounds. The eco councillors are also thinking about increasing recycling and reducing food waste at lunchtimes. Pond development news: <https://tinyurl.com/44jarpy9>

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. When we fill our marble jar, we will vote on a class reward.

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: 1149

Year 2 total marbles this year: 69

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

Attendance

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: 97.1%

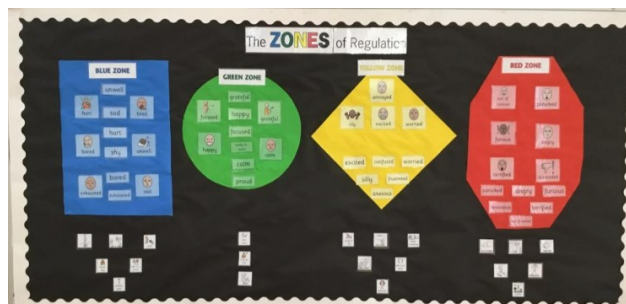
Tabei attendance this year: 97.7%

Pupil voice

"I've really enjoyed writing my pirate story because I like writing."
- Earhart pupil

"I love playing on the new crinkle crag at playtime." - Tabei pupil

Pastoral Notice



We are continuing to use The Zones of Regulation across the school this year, developing how we implement this within our curriculum. Each classroom in school has a Zones of Regulation 'check-in' station, so that all pupils are able to express what zone they are in and how they are feeling. We are also starting to build on this work, by thinking about what strategies we can use to support us to regulate our emotions if we are feeling dysregulated. We refer to the zones throughout the school day and are beginning to use this vocabulary consistently to support our social and emotional wellbeing.

The school website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 2 information can be found at:

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/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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