

# Year 4 Newsletter



## Summer 1

Dear Families,

In Summer 1, the children will be starting the new theme of US where we will begin to focus on a scientific/geographic unit focussing on Caring for our own bodies, caring for others, cycle of caring-medicine and Caring for the environment. Our primary focus will be on the 'Big Beach Clean-up' where we will explore: Coasts, Habitats and beaches.

We will be exploring How can coastal regions and habitats vary? We will learn about the changes in costal regions in the UK and across the world. In addition, children will be encouraged to think about the images gathered that focus on human pollution under the sea and pollution that occurs on the water surface known as 'flotsam'. In this unit children will be able to name and locate counties and cities of the United Kingdom, identifying human and physical characteristics including hills, mountains, rivers and seas, and how a place has changed.

We will answer the questions:

Who are we?

How do our bodies function?

What about us is the same?

How do we stay alive?

What do we need to stay alive?

In English, we will be learning The Canal as our model text. This is a warning tale and will be complemented by our class text of The Wild Robot by Peter Brown. This is an adventure story about Robot called Roz who wakes up on a remote island. With no idea how she got there, or her purpose, Roz knows she must survive. As the island becomes home to her, the past comes back to haunt her.

## School Value

This half term, we will focus on the value of 'respect.' We will learn about respect for ourselves and respect for other people and our world. We will focus on respect for our environment and how small actions can protect our local and global environment.

We uphold every person as a unique and worthy individual. Each should be empowered to function and thrive in their roles, whatever those may be.



## Curriculum

### Theme: Us

This term we have a science and art theme where we will focus on how our bodies work

### English

\*Warning Tale

Class text: The Wild Robot

### Maths

\*Decimals

\*Measurement: Money

### Science

\*Electricity

\* The construction of circuits.

### RSHE

\*Pupils understand how to ask for help

### Computing

\*Creating media

\*Audio editing

### Art

\*The Art of Display

### PE

\*Athletics

## P.E. and Music

This half term Year 4 will have **PE** every **Tuesday** Please come to school in PE kit, and make sure long hair is tied back. Just a reminder that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. We will be focusing on Athletics– using running, jumping, throwing and catching skills in isolation and in combination.

In school, children need to wear school uniform and full PE kit, please see the link below: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/uniform-information>

Our weekly music sessions with Mr Williams will continue throughout the Summer term. We will be learning how to play the Recorders. Music sessions will be on Thursday mornings.

There will be no Forest School for Year 4 as they completed this in the Autumn Term.

### Home Learning

**Reading (inc reading diaries):** Read at home five times per week. Please record in your Reading Record every time you read / share a book at home. Children who read 7 times will get a star and extra merits.

**Sumdog:** You need to spend 20 mins on Sumdog maths at home, each week.

[www.sumdog.com/en/](http://www.sumdog.com/en/)

**Spellings:** Spelling Lists are sent home at the beginning of the half term on Parent Hub. Children will be tested on a Friday afternoon.

#### Suggested reading

When the Mountains roared—Jess Butterworth

The Wild Robot Escapes—Peter Brown

The Wild Robot Protects— Peter Brown

<https://avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2022/02/Year-4-Reading-List.pdf>

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year4>

#### Suggested websites

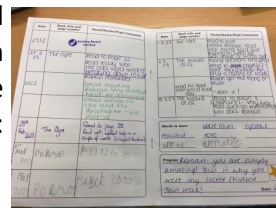
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0119ttp>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01ckn5d>

### 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: Roman



### Important Dates

**Monday 15th April:** Start of summer term

**Tuesday 30th April:** Year 4 assembly

**Monday 6th May:** Spring Bank Holiday

**W/b 13th May:** Assessment Week

**Monday 27th May — Friday 31st May** Half term

**From Mon 3rd June to Friday 14th June is the Year 4 Multiplications Tables Check. Full attendance in mandatory.**

For parent information, see the Year 4 website or [click here](#)

## A look at our learning so far...

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

Year 4 class page with photos



School radio podcasts



Year 4 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](https://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 4 total merits this year: 8360**

**Year 4 total marbles this year: 110**

To see the secret students for last half term, <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-4-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.

**Maathai class attendance this year: 97.03%**

**Turing class attendance this year: 95.7%**

## Pupil voice

"I really enjoy reading the different texts in Year 4."

"The science experiments in year 4 have really helped me understand the topic of States of Matter."

## Pastoral 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](http://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 4 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2022-23-3/>

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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