

Year 5 Newsletter



Summer 1

Dear Families,

Throughout the Summer term, Year 5 will be working on the curriculum theme 'Legacy'. Our work will be heavily focused on the Greeks and the what they did for us. We will consider how the Greeks are remembered and debate over what should or shouldn't be kept in museums from this era. We will also reflect upon how we will be remembered and what 'legacy' we would like to leave behind; what should be preserved of ours and what is ours to keep?

This curriculum theme will deepen the children's understanding of the trail their lives will leave behind and how their lives can influence many others, in future years to come. What do they want to be remembered for? This will be enriched through the study of the Greeks' Legacy of architecture through time. Our D&T Unit will study the amazing buildings the Greeks left behind, for us to learn from. What do we owe people from the past for their work and determination? What legacy will we leave behind?

Learning will also incorporate the children's rights and responsibilities in the world, but also considering how we ask for help when we need it. This will link closely with our science units - living things and their habitats and animals including humans - demonstrating our rights and responsibilities to look after and preserve the life of animals and preserve life for our future selves. How do we show we are being responsible global citizens: with a responsibility to others, ourselves and the natural world around us?



Summer 1 Curriculum

Writing - A Warning Tale

Reading - The Odyssey by Gillian Cross

Maths - converting units of measure and calculating with decimals

Science - Living things and their habitats

History - What did the ancient Greeks ever do for us?

Computing - programming

Art - Fashion and design

RSHE - My rights and responsibilities

School Value

This half term, our value focus is 'respect'. We will learn about how to show respect and this will link really nice to our curriculum theme 'Legacy'. We will consider how to show respect to the environment, other people and ourselves. We will show how small actions can have a big affect.

We will consider how showing respect of the past, the present and the future can influence the wider world and how our generation's 'legacy' will be remembered in history.

P.E / Forest School / Music

In the summer term, Year 5 will have PE on a **Tuesday** afternoon. Please send your children in PE kit every Tuesday starting on Tuesday 16th April 2024.

This term, Year 5 will only have forest schools in the first summer term, alternating each week. Please see below for the dates for each class.

Tereshkova: Friday 19th May 2024, Friday 3rd May 2024 and Friday 17th May 2024

Curie: Friday 26th April 2024, Friday 10th May 2024 and Friday 24th May 2024

Year 5 will continue to have music on a Thursday. If your child has taken an instrument home, please ensure that it is brought to school on a Thursday, ready for their music lesson.

Year 5 will not have swimming in the Summer Term.

Home Learning

A homework 'menu' will be sent home at the beginning of the half term. The expectation is that one task is completed each week. Additionally the children should be reading their school reading book every day and practising on Sumdog three times per week. Please ensure all home reading is recorded in children's reading diaries and is brought into school every day.

Suggested reading

Who Let the Gods Out? -Max Evans

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief -Rick Riordan

Leo and the Gorgon's Curse -Joe Todd Stanton

Greek Myths -Marcia Williams

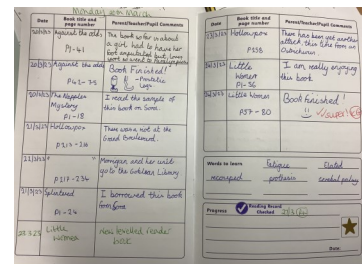
Suggested websites

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z87tn39>

National Geographic: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/greece/10-facts-about-the-ancient-greeks/>

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:



Important Dates

Monday, 15th Apr: Start of Summer term

Thursday, 25th Apr: Year 5 cafe

Monday, 6th May: Spring Bank Holiday

Wednesday 22nd May: National Numeracy Day

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

Friday 21st June: British Museum Trip

Thursday 4th July: Y5 music performance (2.45pm)

A look at our learning so far...

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

Drake Radio



Year 5 (2023/2024)



Reading at Drake



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 5 total merits this year: 6,039

Year 5 total marbles this year: 128

To see the secret students for last half term, visit:



Attendance

The attendance expectation at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Tereshkova attendance this year: 95.57%

Curie attendance this year: 96.21%

Pupil voice

SAW day was very fun and I hope we can do something like that again!

The Girl of Ink and Stars was the best book!

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
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 5 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at [here](#).

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 back.

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