

Year 5 Newsletter



Spring 2



Dear Families,

In Spring 2, we will continue with our theme of 'Beyond.' Our focus will shift to beyond our planet and into space. Including looking at the Solar System and a more in depth study of the Earth, Sun and Moon. We are also excited to inform you that during Spring 2 Year 5 will be taking part in the SAW initiative which is a cross-disciplinary engagement approach that explores scientific themes through practical science activities underpinned by visually striking images.



In English, we will be looking at explanation texts, focusing on our model text 'The Teacher Pleaser'. The children will be imagining their own contraptions and explaining how they work. Our class text will continue to be The Girl of Ink and Stars exploring themes and ideas of the afterlife, surviving hardship and thriving.

Our art lessons the children are designing their own typography. They will use their designs to create their own maps linking to the map skills they have been developing in geography.

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. We will learn about human rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Curriculum Theme: Beyond

English

Explanation texts and The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Maths

Fractions,
Decimals & percentages
Transformations

Science

Earth and Space

Geography

Locational knowledge
Using maps and atlases

Art

Typography and Maps

Computing

Databases

RSHE

My Beliefs

RE

What is Racism?

PE

Dance

French

Places and Directions

P.E/Forest School/Music

Year 5 will have PE on a Monday afternoon. Please send your children in PE kit every Monday. Please be reminded of our PE kit policy: A plain navy or black jumper, their house's colour T-shirt, plain black track-suit bottoms or shorts, white socks and trainers

This half term, Year 5 will continue to have forest schools on alternate Fridays. Tereshkova's first session will be on the 1st March. Curie will have their first session of the half term on the 8th March. Please send your children in long sleeves and trousers, suitable wet weather clothing, layers are good if too hot or too cold and a spare pair of shoes to change into once their session is complete.

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.

Home Learning

As in Spring 1, the children will be given a menu of tasks to complete during the half term. These are expected to be handed in on a Friday.

The children will be set tasks to complete on Sumdog, and there is an expectation that they practise their maths skills on the app 2 or 3 times per week.

Children should be reading every day. Children need to read 7 times during a week to receive their gold star.

Suggested reading

The Jamie Drake Equation by Christopher Edge
Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
The Kid Who Came From Space by Ross Welford
Phoenix by SF Said & Dave McKean
24 Hours in Space by Rob Lloyd Jones & Laurent Kling

Suggested websites

Science

Earth and Space

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

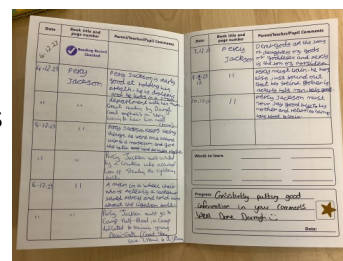
Geography

<https://magic.defra.gov.uk/MagicMap.aspx>

Reading Diaries

Thank you for your support with reading at home. Reading continues to be a fundamental part of our school. Children must read every day, as this supports learning across the curriculum.

Please ensure your child starts a new double spread page for a new week.



Important Dates

- 26th Feb:** Values Day
- 28th Feb:** Bringing Books to Life workshop
- 7th March:** World Book Day
- 11th-13th March:** Parents Evenings
- 11th—15th March:** British Science Week
- 12th March:** Tereshkova Class assembly 9am
- 12th March:** STEM workshop day
- 14th March:** SAW day (Tereshkova Class)
- 15th March:** SAW day (Curie Class)
- 19th March:** Curie Class assembly
- 26th March:** INSET day
- 28th March:** Last day of half 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...

Drake Radio



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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 5 total merits this year: 5,255

Year 5 total marbles this year: 88

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



Attendance

The attendance expectation attendance at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Tereshkova attendance this year: 95.67%

Curie attendance this year: 96.72%

Pupil voice

I have enjoyed PE the most. Learning about tag rugby has been fun because I know a lot about rugby and I can share this with my friends.

I have enjoyed maths the most because I like the assessments and because we learn new things we didn't know before.

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.

The leaflet is from the UK Health Security Agency and NHS. It features a photo of a young girl in a green dress. It contains a table with columns for 'Yes' and 'No' and rows for various illnesses. A QR code is labeled 'SCAN ME'.

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea 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	Stapped 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 5 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2022-23-4/>

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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