

Year 5 Newsletter



Autumn 2

Dear Families,

We've had a really lovely time this half term getting to know each other and sinking our teeth into the new challenges of Year 5.

We've already been out on two school trips, with our whole school outing to High Lodge on the first day of term and the Manufacturing Day trip to learn about the impact and opportunities that local businesses have in Thetford and the local area. These days have been a fantastic chance for us to bond as a cohort and gain some valuable experience exploring the wider community.

We are looking forward to building on the excellent start to the year as we move into the second part of the Autumn term, as well as celebrating events in the lead up to Christmas. Year 5 have also been invited this half term to take part in the Book of Thetford project alongside other local schools, using art to give the children a sense of their place in the history of the town. More information will follow about this.

Drop off time for Year 5 is 8.40am and pick up time is 3.15pm. We will work together to follow our school rules as usual. They make our learning environment safe and productive 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: Life and Death

This term we are continuing with our theme of life and death. So far, we have been exploring both the physical and human features of Egypt, and begun to put the chronology of Ancient Egypt into historical context. We will continue to look at what happened to the dead, exploring the pyramids and what life was like for people living in ancient Egypt.

In maths, we are moving onto proportionality, multiplication and division and measurement. We will continue to practice and develop key strategies from our calculation policy such as using numberlines and mental strategies.

Science is a continuation of materials with some exciting experiments planned, and in DT we will be cooking some delicious soup. We have lots of learning to do!

School Value

This half term, our value focus is values are kindness and forgiveness. We will be focusing on the positives that other people do for us and what we can do for other people. When this goes wrong, we can look for ways to forgive people and the importance of showing forgiveness. We acknowledge that sometimes things can go wrong and we are learning to understand that our actions have consequences.

P.E / Swimming / Music

This half term, the first week of swimming is a practice session for those taking part in the swimming gala only. Swimming for all students will resume on Tuesday 7th November and continue every Tuesday following, so please bring in swimming kits on those days.

Running club is on a Wednesday, so please send your child in PE kit on this day if they are a part of running club.

Music lessons have been brilliant for Year 5 this half term, experiencing taster sessions of woodwind and strings, and will continue this until Christmas. In the Spring Term children will have the opportunity to select a specific instrument to specialise in.

We will not have forest schools this half term.

Home Learning

Homework for Maths and English is now being given out on Sumdog every Wednesday and is due back on a Monday. Login details for Sumdog can be found in the children's reading diaries. Merits are available for children who have completed their homework on time.

Suggested reading

The House with Chicken Legs - Sophie Anderson
CGP Discover & Learn: Ancient Egyptians

Suggested websites

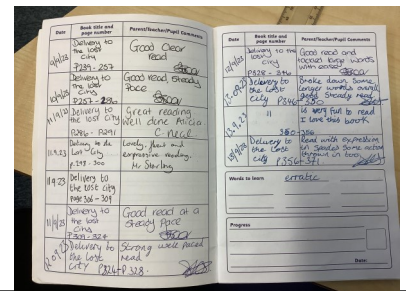
BBC Bitesize Ancient Egypt KS2
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

BBC Bitesize Science, Materials KS2
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zryycdm>

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:
Alicia, Curie.



Important Dates

- October 30th:** Children return to school
 - November 1st:** Individual photos
 - November 7th:** Year 5 Class Assembly
 - November 17th:** Children in Need
 - w/c November 20th:** Parents evenings
 - November 23rd:** Year 5 Parents Café
 - December 20th:** Last day of term—1pm finish
- Dates for Christmas events to follow soon**

A look at our learning so far...

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

Class page with photos



School radio podcasts



Year 5 Curriculum



School Councils and groups

Eco Council has written a mission statement: *'To help the world because we want everyone and everything to be able to live in an environment which is healthy.'* We are undertaking an environmental review and this term, our focus is: recycling. Check what you can put in your recycling bin here: tinyurl.com/3v4pzeuv

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: 2657

Year 5 total marbles this year: 51

To see the secret students you can visit the year group page.

Attendance

The attendance expectation at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

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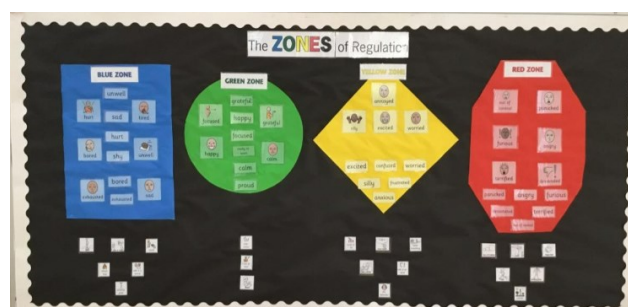
Curie attendance this year: 97.05%

Pupil voice

"I really enjoyed the High Lodge trip. It was a really fun adventure and I got to try a bow and arrow."

"Science was good because we did experiments. I liked making the Christmas cards in Art too."

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 website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 5 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2023-24-6/

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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