

Year 6 Newsletter



Summer 2

Dear Families,

We have had a very busy first half of the Summer term! The children coped brilliantly throughout SATs week and of course enjoyed their daily cooked breakfast. It was a fantastic end to the week of assessments when the leavers' hoodies arrived and we played a year-wide game of hide-and-seek!

Rehearsals for our play, 'Lights, Camera, Action', are now well underway. The children have impressed us with their enthusiasm and are doing an excellent job of learning their lines. Pupils will also be getting involved in making props and creating scenery for the play. We hope you will join us for our performance later in the term.

We of course also have our upcoming France residential trip to look forward to! The children will be rehearsing their conversational French in the run-up to the trip and will be encouraged to use these skills while they are away. Those who are not going to France will be taught by Mrs Woolcott; we are planning some exciting projects for the children to work on.

Now that SATs are over, we have begun learning about Mexico. As part of this, we will continue our investigations of the Ancient Maya civilisation. We will learn about their beliefs, Gods, writing system, number system, food and a ball game they played called 'pok-ta-pok'. We will also cook and taste Mexican food and learn about the Day of the Dead celebrations.



Curriculum Theme: Evolution

This term, we have a Science and History based theme. We will be learning about Darwin and evolution during science lessons.

English

- Drama and performing arts
- Short burst writing rooted in Mayan Civilization

Maths

- Consolidation in preparation for high school

Science

- The systems of the human body
- Lung and heart dissection

RSHE

- Asking for help

Computing

- Assigning variables
- 3D modelling and printing with TinkerCad

Art

- Painting / sketching

PE

- Rounders

School Value

This half term, we will focus on the values of 'friendship' and 'trust.' We will be developing our teamwork skills and reflecting on our friendships in and out of school. We promote the development of caring individuals who support each other and explore how to work together for the greater good.

We operate in the assurance that our school aspires to help everyone achieve their best. The starting point in our relationships is the belief in the good intentions of others.

P.E/Forest School/Music

Year 6 will be having PE lessons on a Tuesday afternoon this term. Children need to come to school with the correct PE kit (list is available here: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/uniform-information/>). Due to the unpredictable weather, children should bring jogging bottoms as well as spare trainers.

All children will participate in weekly music lessons with our musicians in residence on Thursday afternoons.

Additionally, Year 6 will have forest school this half term. This will be each week on a Friday. King class will be during the morning session, while Kahlo will be during the afternoon. Please send your child to school with the appropriate clothing.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and will be due in on a Wednesday.

Homework will consist of:

Transition activities
Topic based learning
Spellings
Sumdog

Suggested websites

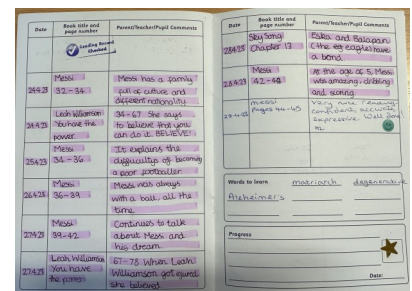
Sumdog: <https://www.sumdog.com/en/>

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

<https://www.thethetfordacademy.org/>
<https://www.obhs.co.uk/>
<https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/>
<https://www.brecklandschool.co.uk/>

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

Dr Fordham (Thetford Academy) visit - 7th June
Mental health support team - 11th June
Year 6 café - 13th June
Summer concert - 20th June
Norfolk show - 26th June
France trip - 1st - 5th July
Transition week - 8th July
Summer Fayre—18th July
Last day of School—19th July

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 Councils and groups

Following weighing food waste every day for 3 weeks, SNAC and Eco council have been looking at the average weight and highest weight for each week. They are now working on putting together an assembly to share their findings with the rest of the school. They have also decided to run a poster competition across the school with the opportunity to name two of the chicks hatched in Reception. Keep a look out for further details at the start of Summer 2!

Behaviour

In school, we can 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 6 to To see the secret students for last half term, visit: <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/year-6-secret-student/>

Attendance

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

King Class attendance this year: 93.46%

Kahlo Class attendance this year: 92.59%

Pupil voice

Lena—“SATs were nothing to stress about—they were easier than I thought they’d be. Although I now feel relieved that they’re over!”

Nathan— “I tried to go in there with a positive attitude and I made sure to really practise a lot. Mrs Greenwood always understands when I need help and how best to help me.”



The website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 6 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at

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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