

Year 6 Newsletter



Spring 2

Dear Families,

So far this term, the children have really enjoyed learning about Polar regions and we will continue these in great depths this half term. We will link this learning to our theme of Adversity by understanding how both humans and animals live in these regions. We will consider the resilience and encouragement needed for these populations to survive.

Through science and geography we will consider our future inheritance and how we must act to ensure we protect our world for the future. We must strive to nurture nature, even in places that are deemed far away.

Within RSHE we will think about our own beliefs and how cultures can adapt and change through cultural shifts and wider influences.

Our school rules are in place to keep everybody safe:

- 1) Praise. No put down
- 2) Hands, feet and objects to yourself
- 3) Follow instructions
- 4) Talk quietly, stay on task



Curriculum Theme: Adversity

English - Key text: Sky Song/
Flashback/ Setting and Open-
ings

Maths - Fractions, decimals
and percentages. Reasoning
and arithmetic skills.

Science - Evolution

Geography— Polar regions/
navigation.

Art—The Inuit Culture

RSHE - My relationships/my
beliefs

PSHE— How does who we are
contribute to making the
world a better place?

PE - Volleyball

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. For ourselves, our environment and our world.

P.E / Music

This half term we will have PE on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Please ensure that long hair is tied back for PE. Please ensure children wear the correct P.E. kit; this is black joggers/short/leggings, PE coloured t-shirt and a plain black or navy jumper for warmth throughout the day.

We would also like to remind you that earrings are not allowed to be worn in school. Children should wear the correct uniform at school, including black school shoes. They should have trainers in school with them every day for the daily mile. You can find our uniform information here:
<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/uniform-information/>

All children will participate in weekly music lessons with our musicians in residence on Thursday afternoons; children have chosen which instrument they would like to learn. If your child has brought an instrument home then please make sure that it brought to school every Thursday for these lessons.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and will be due in on the following Wednesday for Kahlo Class. King Class homework will be sent out on a Thursday and will be due in on the following Thursday. While the content will be delivered via Google Classroom, please ensure children's responses are written into their homework book or CGP guides and brought in every Wednesday or Thursday.

Homework may consist of:

- Arithmetic practice
- Reading comprehension
- Spellings
- Sumdog

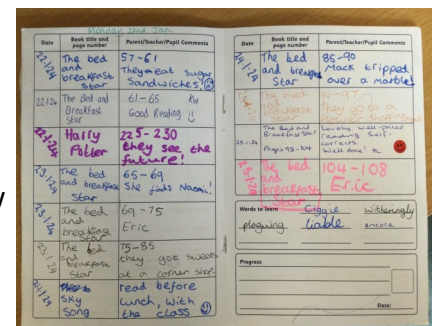
Suggested websites

Sumdog: <https://www.sumdog.com/en/>
BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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

27th Feb: Books to life workshops
1st March: National Offer Day for Secondary Schools
7th March: Online Safety Café
7th March: World Book Day
w/c 11th March: Parents Evenings
w/c 11th March: British Science Week
26th March: INSET day, school closed
28th March: Last day of term, close 1pm

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



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 6 total merits this year: 4430

Year 6 total marbles this year: 140

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

Attendance

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

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

Kahlo attendance this year: 93.56%

King attendance this year: 93.56%

Pupil voice

I enjoyed building bridges, however we need a rematch because the testing was not fair!

The tests were just like any other tests, they weren't that bad.

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.

UK Health Security Agency NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes	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	Slapped cheek

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Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qcq.de/minifec>

The website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 6 information including photos, curriculum and timetables can be found at <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2023-24-4/>

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. Mr Fox, Miss Greenwood and Mrs Woolcott

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