

Year 6 Newsletter



Spring 1

Dear Families,

In Spring Term, Year 6 are embracing the cold weather with our new topic of Polar regions where we will be considering thought provoking questions

- Where is the worst place in the world to live?
- What if it was dark at midday?

We will learn about the significance of polar climates, landscapes and oceans and make comparisons with other countries around the world. We will learn about how animals and plants can be classified and how animals have adapted to their habitat and environment through a scientific and geographical approach.

Our new curriculum theme of adversity will help us to think about who we are as people and how that contributes to the wider world around us. We will also reflect upon our own beliefs and how those beliefs have made us who we are today.

We will move on to a D&T focus this term where we will begin to look at complex structures, considering the right materials for the right purpose and experimenting by building our own structures.



Curriculum

Theme: Adversity

English - Key text: Sky Song/
Flashback/ Setting and Openings

Maths - Time/ Statistics

Science - Biology: Living things and their habitats

Geography - Polar regions/ navigation.

D&T - Engineering

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 aspirations. The children will think about their aspirations for this year and their future, mapping out how they are going to achieve them. We will be considering gender stereotypes, if they are still fitting within the society of today and how we, as young people, can break the mould of gender stereotypes.

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. While the content will be delivered via Google Classroom, please ensure children's responses are written into their homework book and brought in every Wednesday.

Homework may consist of:

- Arithmetic practice
- Reading comprehension
- Topic based learning
- Spellings
- Sumdog

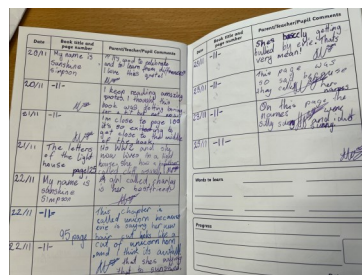
Suggested websites

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:
Maya



Important Dates

Back to school— 4th January
Zones of Regulation parent café— 15th January
King class assembly—30th January
Kahlo class assembly - 6th February
Half term - February 19th - February 22nd

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 Council

Throughout the Autumn term the school council has been focusing on supporting others in our community and fundraising. We have collected and delivered donations for the local food bank. We then worked hard to plan a fundraising event for Children in Need and raised £1866. In Spring we will be doing a project linked to school values and behaviour.

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: 3243

Year 6 total marbles this year: 90

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: 94.25%

King attendance this year: 95.72%

Pupil voice

I loved making my Christmas tree, it was really tricky but I'm proud I finished it!

That maths paper was SO hard this week. At least I did better than last week, I am improving.

Safeguarding Notice

We have been made aware of the increase of vaping in children and would like families to be aware of the risks. These risks may also affect children who access vapes left around or found.

School is a non-smoking and non-vaping site. Please ensure that you do not use vapes whilst on school grounds.



Information links

[NHS—Young people and vaping](#)

[Kidshealth—e-cigarettes](#)

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.

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