

Year 6 Newsletter



Autumn 2

Dear Families,

Year 6 have started the year wonderfully, working hard to become more mindful and reflective towards their learning. We have had a very busy first half term, learning about WW2 in History, exploring light in Science and exploring new musical instruments and concepts with our musicians in residence. All children enjoyed our day of history courtesy of *Portals to the Past*; they represented our school excellently by treating our guest with the respect and focus.

Next half term, we will be moving on to learn about electricity in Science, and in Art we will be exploring how we can transform 2D artworks into 3D pieces. We are also looking forward to celebrations and events in the lead up to Christmas.

A reminder that drop off time for Year 6 is 8.40am and pick up time is 3.15pm.

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: Sanctuary

English - Persuasive letters /
The arrival text / Letters from
the lighthouse

Maths - Arithmetic and
reasoning practice /
Fractions / Multiplication and
division / Shape

Science - Electricity

History – WW2 / What if your
parents sent you away?

Art - 2D and 3D drawing

RSHE - My body

PSHE- Am I my brother's
keeper?

RE - Humanism

PE - Swimming

French - Les vêtements

School Value

This half term, our focus values are kindness and forgiveness. We will concentrate on the positive and will be looking out for acts of generosity and goodwill. But we also know everything does not always go to plan. We will start to look at the causes and impacts of our actions on those around us. We acknowledge that the world is not a perfect place and know that hurts will arise. We have the strength and resilience to challenge injustice.

P.E / Swimming /Music

This half term we will still be swimming on Mondays until the **21st November**. Please ensure that long hair is tied back for swimming. Once we have finished swimming, we will then be doing P.E. on Mondays. 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/](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

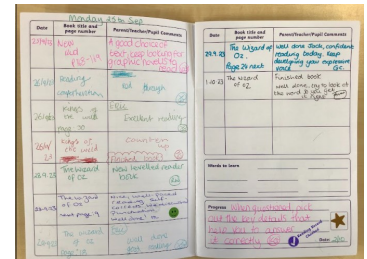
Sumdog: <https://www.sumdog.com/en/>
BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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:

Jack Schofield



Important Dates

Wed 1st November: Individual school photos

Wed 1st November: SATs meeting 4:30pm

Thurs 9th November: Year 6 Parent Café

Fri 17th November: Children in Need

W/B 20th November: Parents evenings

Wed 20th December: Last day of term. 1pm finish

Dates for Christmas events will be shared 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



School Councils and groups

This term, eco council are reviewing biodiversity and recycling. We are starting a 'BioBlitz' project, where we aim to survey, collect data and increase the biodiversity in our school grounds. The eco councillors are also thinking about increasing recycling and reducing food waste at lunchtimes. Pond development news: <https://tinyurl.com/44jarpy9>

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: 1569

Year 6 total marbles this year: 30

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.

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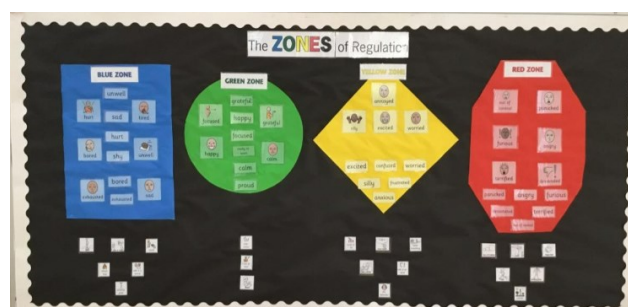
King attendance this year: 95.94%

Pupil voice

Sewing has been difficult. We have been in quite a muddle, but it is nice to make something we can use

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

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 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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