

Year 6 Newsletter



Autumn 1

Dear Families,

We hope that you have had a chance to relax over summer and that your families are keeping well. We are excited to welcome the children back to school for the start of Year 6!

This half term, we will be focusing on our theme 'Sanctuary' through the study of our own sanctuary, how sanctuary was affected through WW2 and how we can offer sanctuary to others. We will think about future goals, aspirations and how our opinions affect the future choices we make.

Our first outing will take place on Monday 18th September. We will be visiting Gressenhall workhouse where we will experience life as an Evacuee in England, during the Second World War.

Usual 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

Our topic this half-term is 'Sanctuary'. We will be learning about the Second World War, by looking at how it began and ordering the significant events. We will also learn about evacuees, rationing and the role of women in Britain during the war. The children will also be learning about the Holocaust and Kindertransport.

During our learning, we will be considering 'what if your parents sent you away and what if you had to move to a different country?'. We will also be thinking about our own places of sanctuary and quiet places as well as themes of asylum and refugees.

In science, we will be learning about light and electricity as well as completing a 'Make do and mend' project

School Value

Our value this half term is hope. We will build confidence that we all are able to grow and improve through both our successes and our failures. We are certain we can all make a difference in helping the world become a better place.

Swimming and Music

Year 6 will be swimming on a Monday afternoon. Children are to come into school in PE kit to reduce time taken to change and to allow more time in the pool. A reminder, the Drake swimming kit is as follows:

- Plain navy swimming costume or plain navy swimming trunks (not shorts)
- No earrings (these are not permitted in school)
- Towel
- Swimming hat

Our weekly music sessions with musicians from the Norfolk Music Hub will continue this year, every Thursday. More information on the structure of this will be releasing in the coming weeks.

Home Learning

Homework will be sent out on a Wednesday and due back on a Wednesday. This will give the children a full week to complete given tasks alongside any self study.

Homework may consist of:

Arithmetic practice, Topic based learning, SPAG spractice, Spellings and Sumdog

Suggested websites

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

CGP (Some free resources on their website)

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. We expect at least **7 reads** logged in the children's reading diary each week.

Important Dates

6th September: Return to school, High lodge visit

18th September: Educational visit to Gressenhall

26th September: Year 6 assembly

5th October: Year 6 measuring day

23rd-27th October: Half term

1st November: Individual school photos

20th December: Last day of term, 1pm finish

Radio

Please use the link below to access our school radio and listen to the children commenting on their learning.

<https://drakeschool.broadcast.radio/>

A look at our learning so far...

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

Remember you can look at what we have planned for the week on the website too:

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2022-23-2/>

The children will also be creating podcasts for the school radio. All podcast can be found here:

<https://drake-infant-school-and-nursery.primarysite.media/>

School Councils and groups

The pupil led councils will continue this year with the same members. These will change in January. School councils work within their specialist areas with a member of staff to discuss what is done currently at school and share ideas to develop their areas further.

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.

<https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/secret-student/>

Attendance

The attendance expectation at Drake Primary School is 100%.

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

Pupil voice

In Year 6, I'm looking forward to learning about the Titanic, evolution and the polar regions.

I am looking forward to learning about the war because I already know some things about it

Safeguarding Notice

At Drake, we understand that it is important for all of us to work together as a community to take an active role in teaching children about online safety. In school, we use National Online Safety resources which provide us with resources for our teachers and our families.

Use the links below to find a variety of resources and helpful videos/posters which provide vital information about current games, apps, and platforms that the children may be accessing and steps you can take to keep them safe.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/drake-primary-school>

You can also download the National Online Safety app on any device

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

The website is a fantastic window into learning at our school. Year 6 information can be found at <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2022-23-2/>

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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