

SRB Newsletter

Thunberg and Arday



Spring 1

Dear Families,

This half term has been filled with so many exciting events and opportunities including Arday class coming second in the bowling tournament where they all demonstrated how well they could work together as a team.

The children in Thunberg class have been continuing to enjoy our Attention Autism intervention that have been closely linked to events such as remembrance day, bonfire night along with lots of winter themed sessions.

We feel very proud of all pupils engagement levels within their learning as we are aware it becomes more challenging the closer we get to Christmas. The children have completed some fantastic work this half term and enjoyed making a wide variety of decorations for the Christmas tree's within each of their classrooms.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in January, and wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas!

A gentle reminder that we will work together to follow our school rules as usual. They make our learning environment safe for everyone:

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



Curriculum Theme:

Friendship terrace: This half term in Thunberg class the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year two have been attending an intervention that is designed to support children with their social skills. This intervention is used to help children who have difficulties forming relationships with others. Children are introduced to 10 colourful stories and includes adult's role playing situations encouraging children to think about the social skills being displayed and how the character is being a friendship blocker and then observes how they can change their actions to be a friendship builder. Friendship terrace allows children to practice positive friendship skills in a safe environment.

Zones of regulation: Inner critic/inner coach: We will be supporting our children to use positive thoughts (inner coach) rather than negative self-defeating thoughts (inner critic).

School Value

This half term, our value focus is Aspiration. We will be linking this value to our class names Jason Arday and Greta Thunberg. The children will learn what inspired them to achieve their goals along with thinking about how they can reach their own aspirations.

P.E / Swimming / Forest School

This half term...

Andersen class will have PE on Mondays.

Merian class will have PE on Fridays and Forest school on alternate Tuesdays.

Tabei class will have PE on Tuesdays and Forest school will be on alternate Thursdays.

Hadid and Kamkwamba class will have swimming on Mondays afternoons.

Turing and Maathai class will have swimming Tuesday afternoons.

Tereshkova and Curie class will have PE on Mondays and Forest School on alternate Fridays

King and Kahlo class will have PE on Tuesday afternoons.

Home Learning

Reading (including reading diaries): Please listen to your child read any text, aim for 5 times every week. Remember to record any reading in your Reading Record. Children who read 7 times will get a star and extra merits.

A fun way to encourage your child to read is a game called 'tag reading'. In this game you model reading a sentence/paragraph or page then 'tag' your child to continue reading. Your child can 'tag' you back if they get stuck.

Suggested websites:

Sumdog Use this website to practise your maths skills: www.sumdog.com/en/

BBC Bitesize: Explore this website for all areas of the curriculum to support your child:

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.

Important Dates

4th January—Pupils return to school

11th January - Year 2 trip to King's House

18th January—Rec/Yr 1 Norwich Puppet Theatre visiting show

19th January - Year 3 Road safety Show

25th January - Year 5 Science Workshop

26th January - Year 1 trip to Ancient House

26th January - Year 3 trip to Thetford rivers

13th February - Year 3 trip to Guildhall

A look at our learning so far...

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

October pictures



November pictures



December's pictures coming soon

School Councils and groups

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.

Attendance

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

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

Thunberg and Arday Class attendance this year: 96.16%

Pupil voice

"I like this room it helps me feel calm" child referring to the regulation station.

"I'm really good at thinking of things that help me." - a child in a Zones of Regulation session.

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 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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