



Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Our Creative Habit – Collaborative



English:

This half term our Talk 4 Writing model text is “Meerkat Talk”. We will be innovating our own warning tales.

Maths:

Multiplication and Division
Addition and Subtraction within 100
Money

Science:

Animals including Humans
Bioblitz – Summer Term

Art:

Humane Project
Making Birds

History:

Explorers

Computing:

Animations using Scratch Jnr

PE:

Swimming

RE:

How do Christians belong to their faith family?

Welcome back into the second part of the Summer Term!

The Year 1 Team are extremely proud of the learning that has taken place across the Summer Term so far, especially in preparation for the Phonics Screening Checks, which will be administered on w/c 9th June 2025. We cannot thank-you enough for your support with phonics this year and will continue to share resources to support the children ahead of the check.

Last half term, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. The children represented Drake amazingly and really enjoyed exploring the site to learn about the different animals. This included body parts, habitat, diet and animal classifications. We even had the excitement of going on a double decker bus. In English, the children have been working super hard on innovating their own losing tales inspired by our model text “Handa’s surprize.” It has been lovely to see their imagination and creativity in our English lessons flourish and grow. We have also enjoyed exploring our DT unit and look forward to producing their own moveable vehicle when we return after the half term.

We also really enjoyed hosting our Art Café. It was so lovely to see many families attend and engage with the initial stages of our whole school project. We look forward to getting this under way in Summer 2, when we produce our own portraits inspired by the work of Angelica Diass.

PSHE



This half term we are learning about “Changing Me” We will be talking about the transitions that we can undertake in our lifetime and how our bodies change over a period of time.



Our school values for this half term are:
Friendship and Trust



Our Learning So Far...

Our year group page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+One&pid=286>

Next half term...

This term, our overarching theme is going to be "Compass." In our History topic, we are going to be exploring the work of explorers. Within this, we will consider the work of famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Matthew Henson and the impact that explorers have had on the world. In our Science, we will be exploring animals. Not only will we think about the features of animals and the habitats they live in, but we will also think about animal classifications including understanding about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

On our first week back, we will kick start into our whole school Arts Week. During this week, the children will be getting involved in a wide range of activities surrounding Identity and Diversity in Arts. On this week, the children will be producing their self-portrait for our Humane Project and making their own identity maps and poems that explore their identity.

We just wanted to remind you that next half term, the children will be doing their final Phonics Screening Check. Class Teachers will be administering these checks. The Phonics Screening Check Window will be from Monday 9th June - Friday 20th June 2025.

Dates for Diary

Monday 2nd June - Return to School

W/c Monday 2nd June - Arts Week

W/c 9th June - Phonics Screening Checks

W/c 23rd June - Year 1 Assessment Week

W/c 30th June - RWi Assessments

Thursday 3rd July - Year 1 Summer Concert at
2:45pm

W/c 7th July - Transition Week

Thursday 17th July - Summer Festival

Tuesday 22nd July - Last Day of Summer Term.

School closes at 1:00



Home Learning

Reading: Please listen to your child read, we are aiming for 7 reads every week. Remember to record any reading in your reading record. Please bring your reading record to school every day.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home in the children's reading diaries every Monday. Please find them attached under the "Words to learn section" of each weekly page. They will be tested the following Monday of each week.

Phonics: Weekly Ruth Miskin Phonics Videos will be sent out via Tapestry. Please could you support your child in watching these videos. Additional resources will be sent out throughout the year in preparation for Phonics Screening in June 2025.

Thank-you for your on-going support with homework this academic year.

PE and Forest Schools

PE: This term we will continue going swimming on a Friday afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child comes into school every Friday with the following kit:

- Swimming costume or trunks (baggy swim shorts are not acceptable due to them impeding children's mobility and making it difficult for the instructor to be able to see leg technique)
- Towel
- Swimming hat
- Goggles are optional

Forest Schools: Both classes will not be attending Forest School this term.