



Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Our Creative Habit – Persistent



English:

This half term our Talk 4 Writing model text is the 'Handas Surprise'. We will be innovating our own losing tales.

Maths:

Capacity and Volume
Addition and Subtraction within 100

Numbers to 50 and 100

Science:

Plants
Bioblitz – Summer Term

DT:

Wheels and Axles

Geography:

Hot and Cold Climates

Computing:

Animations using Scratch Jnr

PE:

Swimming

RE:

How did the universe come to be?

Welcome back into the Summer Term!

The Year 1 Team are extremely proud of the learning that has taken place across the Spring Term. We are so impressed by the children's growth in independence and their hard work in completing their "challenges" during Continuous Provision Time.

Last half term, the children enjoyed our end of term visit to St Cuthbert's Church, where we were provided with the opportunity to take part in an Easter themed service to understand the importance of Easter and how it is celebrated. Likewise, we enjoyed fostering our creativity in producing our Easter gardens, underpinning all the important symbolism of Easter. The children also shared their year group assembly to their families, which was a fantastic opportunity to showcase all the learning that had been undertaken in the Spring Term. We have also particularly enjoyed our Science topic of the 5 senses. Each week, we enjoyed engaging in fun practical activities using one of the senses. This ranged from food tasting, exploring feely boxes, building sound maps and exploring scented boxes.

Thank- you for your on-going support with reading and phonics this year. We will continue to share resources and videos to support the children with their areas of focus ahead of Phonics Screening next half term.

PSHE



This half term we are learning about "Relationships." We will be talking about what a "good" friend looks like, the importance of being unique and special and our families.



Our school value for this half term is:
Respect



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 Geography lessons, we are going to be continuing to develop our Geographical Skills as we explore different types of climate and learn the 7 continents that make up the world. In our Science topic, we are going to develop our understanding of the world by re-visiting our topic of plants. We will recall the parts of a plant and tree, understand what a plant needs to grow and different types of trees such as evergreen and deciduous trees and plants such as wildflowers and garden plants.

Moving forwards in preparation for our upcoming topic on animals in Summer 2, we have an exciting opportunity to visit Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, where we will learn about animal and bird habitats and diets. Likewise, we will be starting our Humane Project. This will kick-start with our Parent Cafe' in May and continue on into the second half of the Summer Term, where we will have our annual Arts Week.

Ahead of Phonics Screening Checks in Summer 2, we will be continuing our whole class phonics sessions throughout the day to support our children in continuing to consolidate their sound knowledge and word reading techniques, this includes identification of special friends and split diagraphs in words as well as increasing reading fluency through speedy reading.

Dates for Diary

Monday 21st April - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April - New Term begins.

23rd April - Yr 1 & 2 Dodgeball Event

w/c 21st April - Phonics Screening Check Practice

5th May - Bank Holiday

7th May - Suffolk Owl Sanctuary Trip

8th May - Yr 1 & 2 Gym Event

w/c 12th May - RWi assessments

14th May - Art Parent Cafe at 2:15pm

23rd May - Sports Day



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 be doing 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

Our first swimming lesson will be starting on the Friday 25th April.

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