

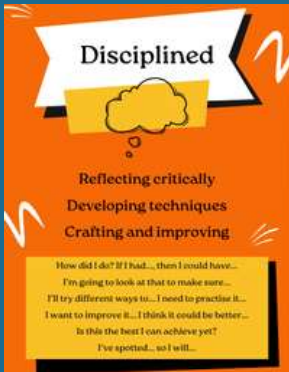


Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Our Creative Habit – Disciplined



English:

This half term our Talk 4 Writing model text is the 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We will be innovating our own losing tales.

Maths:

Multiplication and Division
Shape and Patterns
Fractions of amounts and quantities

Science:

Animals including humans
Seasonal Changes – Spring
Bioblitz – Spring Term

Art:

Flora and Fauna

History:

How am I making history?

Computing:

Grouping Data

PE

Dance

RE

What does the cross mean to Christians?

Welcome back into the second half of the Spring Term!

This half term, the children have worked tremendously hard. We had our first assessment week, where the children completed assessments in reading, maths and science. We cannot emphasise enough how proud we are of them for their hard-work and perseverance when completing these. We have also had a fantastic opportunity to participate in the story-telling project "Jump in". The children have thoroughly enjoyed developing their story-telling through dance, music and art and we had the exciting opportunity to go to Thetford Library to showcase our final performance with our peers to bring the project altogether.

We have enjoyed completing another DT project this half term, which was all about "Constructing Windmills". We have been impressed by the children's use of vocabulary to describe the parts of the windmill and the descriptions they have generated on how a windmill works. The children have also demonstrated one of our creative habits "Collaboration" and have supported their peers in our sessions to construct their windmills. In our Geography, the children have been eager to explore the weather and the rainfall across the term in Thetford. Each week, the children have used their rain gauges to measure and record the rain we have collected.

Thank-you for your on-going support with reading and phonics so far this year. We will continue to share the areas of focus with you ahead of Phonics Screening.

PSHE



This half term we are learning about "Healthy Me". We will talk about the ways in which we can keep our bodies healthy, road safety and medication safety.

Our values this half term are –



Courage and Love



Our Learning So Far...

Our year group page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/2024-2025/>

Next half term...

This half term our over-arching theme continues to be “Nimbus”. In our History unit, we are going to be focusing on how we can find out about our own history with an emphasis on sources such as photographs, recounts and considering our own childhood and how it differs from the past. In Art, we will have the exciting opportunity to develop our drawing skills through exploring the work of Maria Merian. Our ultimate goal will be to create our own minibeast collage in the style of Eric Carle.

We are also moving onto our next Jigsaw unit, which will be all about “Healthy Me”. Within this, we will be discussing the ways in which we can keep ourselves healthy, the importance of medication safety and how we can keep ourselves safe when we are crossing the road.

Ahead of Phonics Screening Checks in Summer 1, 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 24th February – New half term begins.

w/c 3rd March – Phonics Screening Check Practice

4th, 5th, 6th March – Parents Evenings

6th March – World Book Day

19th March – Yr 1 in-school Hockey event

w/c 24th March – RWi assessments



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: PE sessions for both Rashford and Merian Class will be on a Monday afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit. This includes:
• House colour P.E t-shirt • Black shorts / jogging trousers • Plain sports trainers • Grey or white ankle socks

Forest Schools: Both Rashford and Merian Class will be attending Forest School this term on alternating Thursdays. Rashford Class will start their first session on Thursday 6th March 2025 and Merian Class will start their first session on Thursday 27th February 2025 come appropriately dressed for all weathers, especially now we are heading into the Autumn. The clothing for Forest School includes: • Long trousers and long sleeves • Old clothes as they may get muddy • Waterproof coat (in addition to their school coat) • Waterproof trousers