

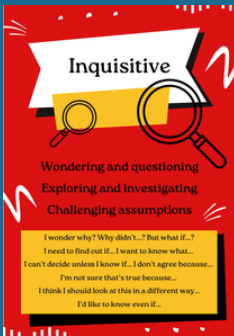


# Year 1 Spring 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

### Our Creative Habit – Inquisitive



#### English:

This half term our model text is “The story of Pirate Tom”. We will be learning how to write a finding tale. Our non-fiction focus will be writing riddles.

#### Maths:

Time

Calculations with 20

Numbers to 50

Multiplication and Division

#### Science:

Everyday materials

Seasonal Changes- Winter

#### Geography:

Weather changes and patterns in the UK

#### DT:

Constructing a windmill

#### Computing:

Grouping Data

#### RE:

What do Jewish people remember on Shabbat?

#### PE:

Ball Skills

Welcome back to the Spring Term!

The Year 1 Team are extremely proud of the learning that has taken place across the Autumn Term. The children have impressed us with their recall of our model text “Whatever Next” and they certainly showcased their imagination and creativity in their innovated journey tales. It was so lovely to see and hear the broad range of ideas that the children had and their focus on their writing was shown throughout. The children ended off the Autumn Term with their first assembly of the year. We are all so proud of how hard the children have been working on learning their Christmas Songs and lines or acting for our performance.

Last half term, the children also enjoyed our educational visit to the Ancient House Museum. The children engaged in a variety of workshops that enabled them to develop an understanding of how toys have evolved over the years. It was also lovely to see the cross-curricular links the children could make to our science unit on “Everyday materials”, with many children identifying that toys from the past were often made out of wood and metal.

Please do keep checking the website to see all the learning that is taking place across the year!



### PSHE



This half term our PSHE unit is called ‘Dreams and Goals.’ We will learn about aspirations and how to achieve goals. We will develop our understanding of the emotions that go with striving for goals.



Our value this half term is

Aspiration



## Our Learning So Far...

School radio - <https://drake-school.broadcast.radio/>

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

### This half term....

This half term, our over-arching theme is going to be "Nimbus." . Our Geography Focus will be all around Weather and Seasonal Patterns of the UK. We will be exploring different types of weather and will be identifying the seasonal daily weather patterns across different parts of the UK. We will also be learning to identify the 4 parts of the UK and their capital cities. Our Science topic remains to be "Everyday Materials", however our additional topic of "Seasonal Changes" will help us to make cross-curricular links with our Geography learning, as we will be focusing on observing changes in the weather and physical changes we may see in Winter.

In PSHE, our new theme "Dreams and Goals" will closely link to our school value focus of aspiration. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to share their dreams, goals and aspirations for the short-term and the future. We will not only be thinking about what these goals are, but what we will need to do to reach our goals. Throughout this term, we aim to inspire our children to reach out for their goals however big or small they are!

### Dates for Diary

7th January - New term begins  
w/c 13th January - Phonics Screening  
Practice Check

w/b 27th January - Whole School  
Assessment Week

11th February - INSET Day

12th February - Maths Cafe at 2:30

17th February - 21st February - February Half  
Term



### 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.

### PE and Forest School

**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 16th January 2025 and Merian Class will start their first session on Thursday 23rd January 2025. Please could you ensure that when your child is attending Forest School they 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