



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Curriculum Theme: Mine



English:

This half term our Talk 4 Writing model text is "The Enormous Turnip." We will be writing our own cumulative stories and a set of instructions.

Maths:

Doubles

Numbers to 10

Addition and Subtraction within 10
Shape and Pattern

Science:

Seasonal Changes
Autumn Term Bioblitz

Art:

Spirals

Geography:

Where do I live?

Computing:

Typing Skills

PE:

Fundamental Movement Skills

RE:

What do my senses tell me about the world of religion and belief?

Music:

Learning the MENU Song

Welcome to Year 1!

We are very excited to welcome you to Year 1 and cannot wait to get stuck into a fun-packed half term. We are eager to get the children immersed into our provision-led classrooms with opportunities for the children to explore a whole range of areas including small world, construction, science, role play, sand, water and art. This year our teaching team consists of Mrs Goff (Merian) and Miss Bush (Rashford). The teaching team will be supported by Mrs Grant, Miss Render and Mrs Adiguzel.

This term our theme is "mine". In PSHE, we will be considering our roles, rights and responsibilities as a member of our class and will discuss how we belong as part of our school and class community. Likewise, in Geography, we will be learning about our town of Thetford. With this we will consider where we live in relation to the world, the Physical and Human geography of Thetford and our school. In RE, we will also consider ourselves through the use of our 5 senses to understand the world religion and beliefs.

School starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm. Children will need to be dropped off and collected from their classrooms. Please arrive before 8:45 to ensure that children can start the day inside their classrooms promptly.

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.

PSHE

This half term we are learning about the rights and responsibilities of being a class member.

We will be contributing towards our class charter and know that our views are valued.



Our school value for this half term is:
Love



Our Learning So Far...

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

Dates for Diary

Wednesday 3rd September -
Autumn Term Begins

W/c 22nd September - Phonics
Screening Check Practice

W/c 13th October - RWi
Assessments

Thursday 16th October - Reading
Parent Cafe @ 2:30

Wednesday 22nd October -
Individual School Photos

W/c 27th October - October 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. We will communicate your child's spelling score via tapestry.

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 2026.

PE and Forest Schools

PE: PE sessions for both Rashford and Merian Class will be on a Friday 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 classes will not be attending Forest School this term.