



Reception Autumn 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Our Creative Habit – Persistent



English

This half term our new model text is 'The Gingerbread Man'. We are going to learn the words and signs to the whole story! We will also create our own version of the story!

Maths

Addition and Subtraction within 6
Measures
Shapes and Sorting

Understanding the World

Sound, light & dark, earth & space
and forces
Celebrations
Special places
Forms of transport

Expressive Art and Design

Clay models
Secondary colours
Action songs Structures
Taking photos
Artist Focus – Matisse

Physical Exploration

Dance & Fine Motor Development

What have we been up to?

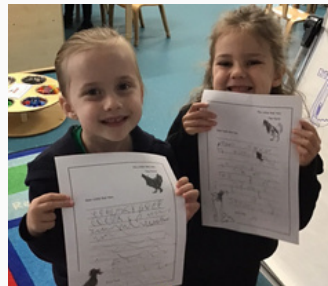
What a wonderful start to our Reception journey! The children have settled in beautifully, building lovely friendships with peers and staff. They've quickly learned our rules and routines and explored their new environment with enthusiasm, showing our core value of Respect.

We've enjoyed learning to say and sign the story of The Little Red Hen – and even created our own version!

In maths, the children have been busy exploring numbers, subitising, and their favourite topic so far – patterns! We're discovering that maths really is everywhere.

Creativity has been shining brightly too. The children have produced beautiful artworks inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Robert Forman, while developing their painting and observational drawing skills. We definitely have lots of little artists in the making!

We are so incredibly proud of their fantastic start and can't wait for more exciting learning adventures next half term!



PSHE



This half term we are learning about celebrating our differences where we will recognise that being different makes us all special

Our value this half term is –



Love



Our Learning So Far...

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

Our class page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Reception&pid=276>

This Half term.....

In the upcoming half term, we have lots of exciting learning planned! Our theme is 'Person' and we will be learning about people in our community who help us.

In Maths, the children will focus on estimating, ordering, comparing, discussing and exploring capacity, weight and lengths. They will investigate 2-d and 3-d shapes and describe position accurately.

Understanding the World sessions will involve investigating light sources, day and night and how shadow sizes change when you move the light source closer to or away from the object.

The children will also explore how sound is made and take part in the School of Noise workshop.

Festivals around the world and the importance of Christmas to Christians will form part of our learning as we count down to Christmas!

In Expressive Art and Design, the children will make Gingerbread Men out of playdough and compare the texture of play dough to biscuit dough. The children will develop their collage skills further when they make Christmas cards and tags.

It promises to be a fun and busy half term filled with new challenges and learning opportunities! Towards the end of half term we will be preparing to celebrate Christmas and we look forward to inviting you to our Christmas Assembly.

Dates for Diary

Thurs 18th Nov - Parent Café, 2:30pm

Fri 28th Nov - School of Noise workshops

Tue 9th December - Federation Panto trip

Thurs 11th Dec - Christmas jumper day

Thurs 11th Dec - Reception Christmas Assembly 2:45pm

Friday 12th Dec - Christmas Dinner

Thurs 18th Dec - Christmas Fayre and Lantern parade

Fri 19th Dec - Last day of term. 1pm finish

Home Learning



Please continue to listen to your child read and enjoy sharing lots of lovely books together – we are aiming for seven reads each week.

Every Friday, we will continue to add RWInc videos to Tapestry to support their learning at home, too!

It is also really helpful if children can continue to practise a little independence at home, such as putting on their own coat and shoes, and using the toilet confidently and independently.

Thank you for your continued support!

Physical Exploration and Forest School

Physical Exploration (PE) for both classes is every Monday.

Andersen Forest school is continuing every Wednesday (week beginning 3rd November)

Attenborough Forest school is continuing every Tuesday (week beginning 3rd November)



Sustainability- Year of the tree

Reception will be observing "Jeffrey," our oak tree in the KS1 playground, to explore seasonal changes and understand the importance of trees. We'll also be introducing this theme across all areas of learning through a range of related activities.

