



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Creative Habit: Persistence



English

This half term our model text is "Whatever Next". Our fiction focus will be working on a journey tale and our non-fiction focus will be writing a recount.

Maths

Numbers to 20
Addition and Subtraction
within 20

Science

Animals including humans
- 5 senses

History

Toys

Art/DT

Christmas Decorations
Computing
Typing on a computer.

RE

How does a celebration
bring a community
together?

PE

Gymnastics

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term!

We are so proud of how the children have settled into Year 1 and all of the amazing learning they have completed so far. We are really looking forward to seeing their hard work and dedication continue throughout the second half of the Autumn Term.

So far in Autumn 1, the children have been working super hard on their writing of their cumulative story inspired by "The Enormous Turnip". We have certainly enjoyed listening to the fantastic stories that the children have been busy innovating on their own, in small groups and within Continuous Provision. We have also enjoyed planning and making our own vegetable soup and supporting the adults in preparing the vegetables for our soup using our cutting skills. The children have also been well immersed into our other foundation subjects and have blown us away with the knowledge they have retained from the unit.

We would also like to thank-you for attending our Reading Cafe. It was lovely to come together to talk about reading in Year 1 and supporting the children in preparation for the Phonics Screening Checks. We thank-you for your on-going support with engaging in the weekly phonics videos and the additional resources we have been sending home.

PSHE

This half term we are learning about celebrating our differences where we will discuss about diversity and how being different should be celebrated,



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>

This half term....

As part of our History Topic on "Toys", we have also have an exciting opportunity to visit the Ancient House Museum, where we will be able to develop our understanding of what "toys" looked like from the past compared to the present. This half term our over-arching theme will continue to be "Mine". In History, we will be exploring "toys" discussing how toys have changed over the years and what childhood looked like in the past compared to now. In PSHE, we will also be discussing ourselves as individuals, through considering the similarities and differences we have and the importance of us being unique.



Year of the Tree

In Assembly, we received a letter introducing us to our year group tree. The children were excited to find their tree around the school using the map and decided on the name of We also enjoyed carrying out observational drawings of the leaves in Art.

Dates for Diary

3rd November - Return to school

7th November - Year 1 Trip to Ancient House Museum

3rd December - Year 1 Christmas Assembly at 2:30pm

W/c 8th December - RWi Assessments

9th December - Whole School Pantomime Trip

12th December - Year 1 Christmas Lunch

18th December - Christmas Fayre

18th December - Carol Concert and Lantern Parade in the Woods

19th December - Last Day of Term - School Closes at 1pm



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 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.