



# Year 3

# Spring 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

### Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

### Our Creative Habit – Imaginative



#### English

Our model text this half term is a portal story called 'Dreamland.'

#### Maths

Multiplication and division  
Measurement: Time

#### Science

Physics: Forces and magnets

#### Geography

Where do rivers come from?  
Where do rivers go?

#### Art

Working with shape and colour-  
river collage

#### Computing

Online safety, Sequencing  
sounds (Scratch)

#### French

Parts of the body

#### RE

Major global religions

#### PHSE

Dreams and Goals

#### PE

Swimming

### Last Half term

We had an exciting and action packed half term! We wrote imaginative instructions about how to trap mythical creatures. We have also been working hard on our addition and subtraction calculation strategies and times table fluency.

We finished our 'Origins' theme by looking at the changes from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age. We learnt about how settlements, tools and farming developed throughout the Bronze and Iron Ages.

We were super excited about all the events in preparation for Christmas! We decorated our classrooms, created sustainable decorations, made a willow lantern and enjoyed the Christmas festivities!

Year 3 have filled up their marble jars and had choosing time, an art and craft afternoon, a movie and a games afternoon....we look forward to more marble jar rewards in the Spring term!



### PSHE



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

Our value this half term is -



## Trust



# Our Learning So Far...

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

Our class page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Three&pid=304>

## This Half term

In the Spring term, our new theme is 'Movement'... all about rivers! We will look at OS maps for river routes and learn about the source, features and journey of rivers. As well as learning about the local rivers (the river Thet and the Little Ouse), we will locate the world's major rivers and map the rivers of the UK. We will learn about the role rivers play in transport, settlement and farming as well as looking at the impacts of flooding and droughts on the river ecosystem. We will answer the questions:

- What journey does a river go on from source to mouth?
- How does flooding and droughts affect rivers?
- Why did people settle near to rivers?



In English, we will be learning a portal story. Our author focus will be Peter Brown and our class text is The Wild Robot. In PSHE, we will recognise that we all have different strengths and weaknesses, develop our own strengths, learn how to set specific goals and realise that different careers require specific skills. We encourage everyone to dream big and achieve great things!

### Dates for Diary

Wednesday 7th Jan: Start of Spring term

Monday 12th Jan: Swimming lessons begin

W/B Monday 26th Jan: Assessment week

Wednesday 11th Feb, 9am: Maths parent café

Date TBC: Local river walk- river Thet



### Home Learning

**Reading:** Please listen to your child read, we are aiming for 7 reads every week. Please bring your reading record to school every day.

**Reading comprehension:** A text and questions will be sent home in a yellow homework book. Reading comprehension will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Friday.

**Spellings:** A spelling list will be given out on Fridays, for a spelling check in school the following Friday.

**Times Tables Rockstars:** Have a go at logging into TTRS at home to practise times tables.

### PE and Forest School

**PE:** This half term, Year 3 will have swimming lessons on Monday afternoons, starting on Monday 12th January. The children will walk to the swimming pool after eating at lunchtime and will return by the end of the school day. Swimming lessons will be taught by a professional swim coach and lifeguards at the Leisure Centre. The Year 3 staff from school will be there too. Please remind your child not to wear earrings and to tie up long hair on Mondays. The swimming instructors will not allow children into the pool with earrings on.

**Forest School:** Year 3 will not have Forest School sessions this term. We look forward to our Forest School sessions in the summer term.

### Sustainability- Year of the tree

Over this year, Year 3 are observing an ash tree in Sophia's garden.

We are looking at changes over the seasons.

