



Reception Spring 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Our Creative Habit – Imaginative



English

This half term our T4W model text is 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'

Maths

Use everyday language to talk about time

Ordering numbers to 10

Using quantities and objects to add and subtract two single-digit numbers

Understanding the World

Freezing, heating and melting.

Habitats – river

Places we've visited

Toys from the past

Festivals – Chinese New Year

Expressive Arts and Design

Animal Prints and Patterns

Artist Focus – Seurat

Travelling songs and rhymes

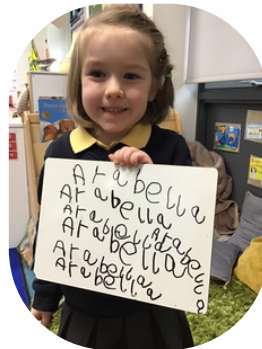
Reception have had a wonderful half-term and made so much incredible progress.

We have explored numbers, how they are represented, and learnt about 3D shapes, their sides and vertices. The children have also thrown themselves into creativity, developing their printing, tracing, painting and colouring, while strengthening their fine motor skills and imagination.

In English, the children learnt The Gingerbread Man story, using Makaton and British Sign Language, and loved discovering new signs. They especially enjoyed inventing their own versions of the story, swapping the main character for their own unique and wonderful creations. The story even inspired us to bake our own gingerbread men and design traps to outsmart the sly fox!

In PE we have focused on our gross motor skills, practising throwing, catching and working together as a team. We have also enjoyed celebrating Diwali, Remembrance Day, Guy Fawkes Night and Christmas, learning why these events are important to different people. Music has been a highlight too, from singing songs with Makaton to exploring instruments – even the bagpipes!

It has been an amazing term; the box is never quite big enough for everything we've done!



PSHE



This half term we are learning about dreams and goals. We will talk about how to achieve goals and understanding the emotions that go with this.



Our value this term is –

Trust



Our Learning So Far...

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

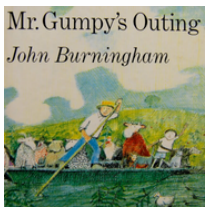
Next half term...

Looking ahead to next term, there is so much for us to be excited for. Our new class text will be 'Mr Gumpy's Outing', a wonderful story about a boat trip that doesn't quite go according to plan! Linking to the story, we'll be learning about river habitats, an important feature of our local geography here in Thetford.

As we begin to think about spring, our theme will be blossom; it won't be long before there is plenty to be found out and about, including during Forest School.

In Maths, we'll be understating 10 - learning number bonds, counting forwards & backwards, and subitising (the important skill of being able to look at small numbers of objects and know how many are there without counting them individually).

The children will also learn about time - days of the week, months of the year and the seasons.



Dates for Diary

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th January - INSET Days
(Children not in school)

Monday 12th January - Parent Café 2:30pm

Friday 6th February - NSPCC Number Day

16th - 20th February - Half Term

Friday 13th March - School trip to the Ancient House Museum



Home Learning

One of the best ways to support your child's learning is to share stories at home. Listen to them read, read to them, make up stories together, and encourage them to practise their sounds - it all makes such a big difference. If you would like any support or ideas, please don't hesitate to ask. We aim for every child to read seven times a week and record this in their reading diary!



Physical Development and Forest School

Both Classes will focus on their gross motor skills on a Monday. The children will create obstacle courses, play team games etc. PE kit is to be worn. This will start week beginning 12th January.

Andersen Class will continue with Forest Schools on a Wednesday.
Attenborough Class will continue with Forest Schools on a Tuesday.
This will start again week beginning 12th January.