



Year 4

Spring 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Our Creative Habit - Disciplined



English

Our unit this half term will be focusing on persuasive writing, looking at the model text 'Make PlayStations Available in Schools'.

Maths

Time, decimals, area and perimeter

Science

States of matter

Geography

Earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes

Design and Technology

Construction

Computing

Data and information: Flat-file databases

French

Ou vas-tu?

RE

Christians and the Easter story

PHSE

Healthy me

PE

Swimming

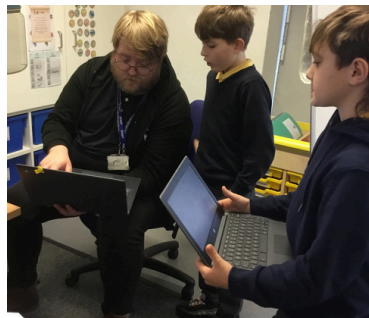
Last Half term

Since the start of this term, Year 4 have started the theme of 'Compare'. We have begun learning about what the Earth is made out of, the relationship between the tectonic plates and looked at different mountains in the world and how these are formed.

Our main focus in maths for the past several weeks has been fractions. There has been significant progress made with this subject. The children have learnt how to find a fraction of an amount, to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, converting mixed number fractions and can recognise equivalent fractions as well as simplify them. In English lessons, we were busy writing our own finding story and enjoying reading our Spring term text "Running on the the roof of the world".

We are proud of children's determination in swimming lessons, hard work during assessment week and in music lessons learning the recorder.

Well done everybody!



PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is called 'Healthy Me.' We will learn about being safe and keeping healthy. We will explore healthy choices, including friendships, smoking, alcohol and group dynamic.



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 Spring 2 we will be continuing our topic 'Compare' to explore the difference between Thetford and other parts of the world. We will shift our focus on what happens when volcanoes erupt and how earthquakes occur.

We will be starting our new science unit 'States of matter'. Children will learn how to: compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases; observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C); and finally, identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature.

One of the most exciting events of this half term is our residential to Bawdsey Manor! This will be an exciting opportunity for children to build connections, make new friendships, boost their confidence and widen their independence.

Dates for Diary

Monday 23rd Feb: Start of Spring 2

24th, 25th and 26th Feb: Parents Evenings

Thursday 5th Mar: World Book Day

w/b Monday 9th Mar: British Science Week

Wednesday 18th March - Rock Steady concert

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

Friday 25th, 26th, 27 Mar: Y4 residential trip to Bawdsey

Home Learning



Reading: Please listen to your child read, we are aiming for 7 reads every week.

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

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 4 will continue having swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons, starting on Tuesday 24th February. The children will walk to the swimming pool after lunch.

Please remind your child to tie up long hair on Tuesdays. Children must not wear any jewellery, the swimming instructors will not allow children into the pool with earrings on.

Forest School: Year 4 will not have Forest School sessions this term.

Sustainability- Year of the tree

Over this year, Year 4 are observing an lime tree in Key Stage 1 playground.

We explored the lime tree in winter:

