



# Year 4

# Spring 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

### Our Creative Habit - Imaginative



#### English

Our model text this half term is a 'Sandy Cove.' We are going to use this model text to write our own finding story.

#### Maths

Calculation with multiplication and division. Fractions

#### Science

Living things and their habitats - conservation

#### Geography

Mountain ranges, earthquakes and volcanos

#### Art

Exploring still life

#### Computing

Online safety and programming

#### French

Festivals. Numbers 31-60 and giving and understand instructions.

#### RE

What is a role of sacred texts?

#### PHSE

Dreams and Goals

#### PE

Swimming

### Last Half term

We had a busy and exciting half term! We have written our own recount based on Arthur's diary and have working hard in Maths, learning strategies to help us with multiplication and division problems.

We finished our 'Folk' theme where we explored what the life was like for Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, including our visit to Sutton Hoo.

We have also been very excited in the lead up to Christmas. From showcasing our talent in music concert, making Christmas decorations and cards, making willow lanterns for our lantern parade and whole school trip to Norwich Theatre Royal to watch pantomime.



### 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/gallery/?pid=313&gcatid=113>

## This Half term

In the Spring term, our new theme is 'Compare, where we will explore the key questions:

Is everywhere as flat as Thetford? Why are there no mountains in Norfolk? We will use these key questions to explore how mountain ranges and mountains formed, how people manage to live in mountain ranges and how their life is different. We will also be comparing the Himalayas and other mountainous region to Andes.



In English we will be learning our new model text 'Sandy Cove' where we will explore the language and structure to then write our own finding tale. Our focus author in reading is Jess Butterworth, we will be reading her book 'Running on roof tops'.



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.

## Dates for Diary

Wednesday 7th Jan: Start of Spring term

Tuesday 13th Jan: Swimming lessons begin

Wednesday 21st Jan: The great Science time tour

W/B Monday 26th Jan: Assessment week



## 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 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. Spelling list are also shared via Google classroom.

**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 have swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons, starting on Tuesday 13th 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 4 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 4 will not have Forest School sessions this term.

## Sustainability- Year of the tree

Over this year, Year 4 are observing a lime tree in KS1 playground.

We are looking at changes over the seasons.

