



# The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March.

Children are invited to come dressed as a character from their favourite book, and they are welcome to bring the book into school to share with their classmates.

World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to promote a love of reading, helping children develop vocabulary, imagination and confidence.

We can't wait to see the fantastic costumes and to celebrate the joy of reading together as a school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

## History Comes Alive for Year 1



On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th February, Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Gressenhall Workhouse and Museum. The children took part in a wide range of workshops, including exploring a 1950s shop, completing Victorian household chores such as sweeping and polishing, investigating toys from the past and joining a guided tour of the museum.



We are immensely proud of how brilliantly the children represented our school throughout the trip. Well done to all our Year 1s for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour.

## Every Day Matters



It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

This week's winners are...  
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I really enjoyed exploring the toys. It was really fun to play with them - Timur

I really enjoyed going to the shop. I got to help measure out the jelly beans - Freya



I really enjoyed exploring the houses and doing the jobs - Phoebe

The cheese toasties we made on the fire were very nice - Rex



## Year 3 Maths Café



Last Wednesday, Year 3 welcomed families to their maths café. We explored the concrete manipulatives we use in Year 3 and how they help us calculate. We were challenged to complete two maths games- looking for all the possible solutions and trying to find a winning strategy by looking for number patterns.



I liked doing the challenges and thinking hard - Archie



I liked our parents visiting the school! Matilde

It was really fun doing the challenges with our mums - Evelyn

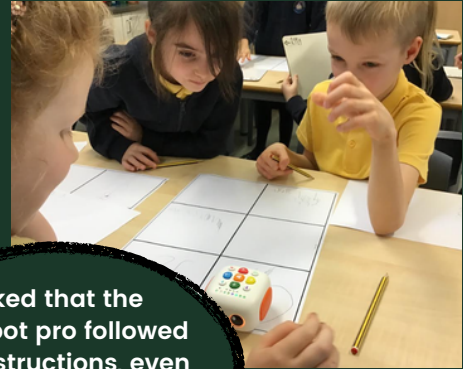
Thank you to all the families who attended and for all your support with maths at home- keep practising times tables on Times Table Rock Stars!

<https://trockstars.com/>

## Year 2 Bring Algorithms to Life



Year 2 had an exciting afternoon as they explored our brand-new Tale-Bot Pro technology. The children planned their own algorithms and watched with delight as the robots followed their instructions across their custom-designed maps, bringing their computing learning to life in a hands-on and creative way.



I liked that the tale-bot pro followed my instructions, even though it wasn't perfect - Vincent

It was fun because it was going forwards and backwards and left and right - Olivia G

It was funny when it moved. I liked doing it with my friends - Ava-Rose



## Brilliant Builds with Crumble Coding



In Malala last week, the children have been busy designing and building their computing Crumble creations. We saw an impressive range of moving models, including a spinning cat, a windmill, a chair swing and even a fairground ride. The children worked brilliantly in their groups to construct and code their Crumbles, bringing their designs to life through movement. Well done to everyone for such creative teamwork and problem-solving.

## Children's Mental Health Week



Last week, we marked Children's Mental Health Week through our assemblies and PSHE sessions in class. This year's theme, 'This is My Place', encouraged children to explore what it means to belong. Each class discussed their own ideas of belonging and what helps them feel connected and included. Our Reception team then led the creation of a beautiful whole-school display using bubble painting as the backdrop. Every child contributed a post-it note describing what belonging means to them, which was added to our large school umbrella — a symbol of a community where everyone has a place and everyone belongs.

