



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

### Creative Habit: Disciplined



#### English

This half term our model text is "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch". We will be learning how to write and innovate our own losing tales.

#### Maths

Addition and Subtraction within 20  
Fractions  
Measurement - Length and Mass

#### Science

Everyday Materials

#### History

How am I making History?

#### Art

Flora and Fauna

#### Computing

Grouping Data

#### RE

What does the cross mean for Christians?

#### PE

Dance

Welcome back into the second half of the Spring Term!

We cannot express how proud we are of the children this half term with all the tremendous learning that has been taking place. Last half term, the children had the fantastic opportunity to visit Gressenhall Museum Farm and Workhouse. The children engaged in a wide variety of activities and were super excited to attend an "historic" shop, where we were rewarded with a bag of jellybeans to share with our friends. We also put our housework skills to the test and let's say we were pretty impressed with the polishing and sweeping they did in the Victorian House.

This half term, we have showcased our creative habit of "imagination" in true style. In DT, we have been constructing windmills from recycled materials, in our Year of the Tree project we have made our seasons of the tree zines using collaging to represent connotations of the four seasons and in English we have been writing some fantastic losing and finding tales inspired by our model text "Monkey See, Monkey Do."

In preparation for Phonics Screening in June, we have continued to work on plugging our gaps in our Set 2 and 3 sounds and working on reading longer multisyllabic words.

PSHE 

This half term our PSHE unit is called 'Healthy Me.' We will talk about the ways in which we can keep our bodies healthy, road safety and medication safety.



Our school value for this half term is:  
Trust



# Our Learning So Far...

Our year group page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+One&pid=286>

## This half term....

This half term, our over-arching theme is going to be "Nimbus." . Our History focus will be all about "How am I making History?" Within the topic, we will be discussing about childhood in the past discussing what it will like for children 50 years ago and any similarities and differences between childhood now compared to the past. We will be using a wide variety of sources to help us learn about the past including recounts, photographs and books. In Art, we have the exciting opportunity to continue developing our observational drawing skills with the ultimate aim of creating a mini beast collage in the style of Eric Carle.

Over the course of this half term, we will continue to remain focused on our Phonics. We will continue to work on the children's sound gaps, learn more Set 3 sounds and focus on word reading principle. In line with our school's key priorities, our focus we will be ensuring that our children can write sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces as well as developing their spelling skills including Common Exception Words.



## Year of the Tree

Last half term, Year 1 enjoyed carrying our art activity of making a zine collage to show how our tree changes in the seasons. We also conducted another visit to our tree and observed that since our last visit a lot of the leaves had fallen off the tree, due to it being Winter.

## Dates for Diary

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 - First day back of Spring 2

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening  
W/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Phonics Screening Check Practice Check

5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day

W/c 9<sup>th</sup> March - British Science Week

11<sup>th</sup> March - Ecology Trust Project with the National Education Nature Park

W/c 16<sup>th</sup> March - RWI Assessments

20<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Year 1 Assembly at 2:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Term (Finish at 1pm)



## Home Learning

**Reading:** Please listen to your child read, we are aiming for 7 reads every week. Remember to record any reading in your reading record. Please bring your reading record to school every day. **Spellings:** Spellings will be sent home in the children's reading diaries every Monday. Please find them attached under the "Words to learn section" of each weekly page. They will be tested the following Monday of each week. **Phonics:** Weekly Ruth Miskin Phonics Videos will be sent out via Tapestry. Please could you support your child in watching these videos. Additional resources will be sent out throughout the year in preparation for Phonics Screening in June 2026.

## PE and Forest Schools

**PE:** PE sessions for both Rashford and Merian Class will be on a Friday afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit.

This includes:

•House colour P.E t-shirt •Black shorts / jogging trousers •Plain sports trainers •Grey or white ankle socks

Forest Schools: Both Rashford and Merian Class will be attending Forest School this term on alternating Thursdays. Rashford Class will start their first session of Spring 2 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and Merian Class will start their first session on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Please could you ensure that when your child is attending Forest School they come appropriately dressed for all weathers, especially as it is still cold. Following on the conditions outside this half term we will also recommend wearing a spare coat so the children have a clean coat for lunch break and the end of the day. The clothing for Forest School includes: • Long trousers and long sleeves • Old clothes as they may get muddy • Waterproof coat (in addition to their school coat) • Waterproof trousers