

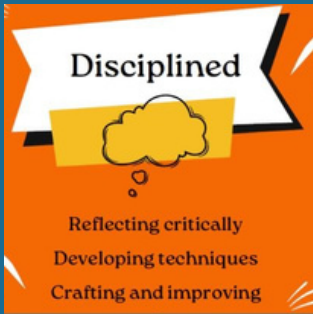


Reception Spring 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Our Creative Habit – Disciplined



English

This half term our T4W model text is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'

Maths

Grouping and Sharing

Number Patterns within 15

Doubling and Halving

Shape and Pattern

Understanding the World

Growing and caring for plants

Seasonal changes

How we change as we get older – things we can do now

Different ways of life around the world.

Festivals/Celebrations – St Patricks Day, Easter

Expressive Arts and Design

Musical symbols

Natural sculptures

Observational drawings

Artist focus – Andy Goldsworthy.

Reception have had another incredibly busy and exciting half-term, with lots of learning taking place both inside and outside of the classroom.

We began the term with a mystery, as the children investigated where a wooden boat had come from. They eventually discovered it had been left for us by a man called Mr Gumpy, who wanted us to learn his story! Inspired by this, the children designed and made a new boat for him and carried out investigations into floating and sinking. While learning the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing,' the whole of Reception worked collaboratively to learn signs for key words in the story – they did a fabulous job!

The children then went on a 'journey' along a river, exploring the animals that live in and around it. They compared a river habitat with the Arctic and woodland environments, developing their understanding of different environments. We also had great fun during Great Birdwatch Week, discovering a wide range of bird species.

In art, the children have loved learning about Seurat and his dotted style of artwork. They have also thrown themselves into the skill of collaging, creating some amazing pieces using old magazines.

In Maths, the children have been deepening their understanding of the composition of numbers, as well as learning about addition and subtraction through engaging maths stories.



PSHE



This half term we are learning about 'Healthy Me'. We will talk about keeping our body healthy with exercise, foods which are healthy and not so healthy as well as how to stay safe.

Our value this half 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...

We have another exciting half term planned!

We will start with a 'hook' lesson, to get the children engaged in the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will explore the life cycle of beans and learn how to care for our own beans.

In English, we will continue to develop our writing skills, focussing on correct letter formation and writing short sentences. The children will write character descriptions, bean diaries and 3 sentence stories.

Maths will see us starting the early stages of multiplication and division when we learn how to share, group, double, and halve objects and quantities.

We will develop our Art skills through observational drawings and paintings and combining different techniques to make a mixed media picture. We will also be focusing on work by the Artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Dates for Diary

Monday 23rd February - Return to school

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Week beginning 9th March -
British Science Week

Friday 13th March - Trip to Ancient House

Wednesday 18th March Reception Assembly
to parents/carers 2:45pm

Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day

27th March - Last Day of Term 1pm Finish



Home Learning

Please continue to listen to your child read and keep sharing lots of amazing books together.

We are aiming for 7 reads every week.

Weekly RWInc videos will be added to Tapestry. Keep using NumBots for Maths tasks.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Physical Development and Forest School

Both classes will focus on their gross motor skills on a Monday. The children will create obstacle courses and play team games etc. PE kit is to be worn. This will start week beginning 2nd March.

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 23rd February.