

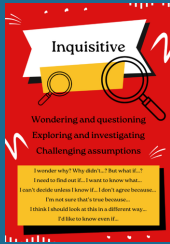


Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Creative Habit: Inquisitive



English

This half term our model text is "Handa's surprize". We will be learning to write a short losing tale narrative.

Maths

Addition and Subtraction within 100
Money
Numbers to 50 and beyond

Science Plants

Geography
Hot and Cold Climates

DT
Wheels and Axles

Computing
Programming animations

RE
How did the universe come to be?

PE
Swimming

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We cannot express how proud we are of the children this half term with all the tremendous learning that has been taking place and how hard the children have been working.

Last half term, the children enjoyed our end of term visit to St Cuthbert's Church, where we were provided with the opportunity to take part in an Easter themed service to understand the importance of Easter and how it is celebrated. Likewise, we enjoyed fostering our creativity in producing our Easter gardens, underpinning all the important symbolism of Easter. The children also shared their year group assembly to their families, which was a fantastic opportunity to showcase all the learning that had been undertaken in the Spring Term. In our English lessons our children have been working super hard on their writing. We have had a huge focus on transcription this half term including ensuring the children can confidently use capital letters, full stops, finger spaces, use phonetically plausible attempts and spell Common Exception Words.

Thank- you for your on-going support with reading and phonics this year. We will continue to share resources and videos to support the children with their areas of focus ahead of Phonics Screening next half term.

PSHE 

This half term we are learning about " Relationships." We will be talking about what a " good" friend looks like, the importance of being unique and special and our families.



Our school value for this half term is:
Courage



Our Learning So Far...

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

This half term....

This term, our overarching theme is going to be "Compass." In our Geography lessons, we are going to be continuing to develop our Geographical Skills as we explore different types of climate and learn the 7 continents that make up the world. In our Science topic, we are going to develop our understanding of the world by re-visiting our topic of plants. We will recall the parts of a plant and tree, understand what a plant needs to grow and different types of trees such as evergreen and deciduous trees and plants such as wildflowers and garden plants. Moving forwards in preparation for our upcoming topic on animals in Summer 2, we have an exciting opportunity to visit Banham Zoo, where we will learn about animal and bird habitats and diets.

Ahead of Phonics Screening Checks in Summer 2, we will be continuing our whole class phonics sessions throughout the day to support our children in continuing to consolidate their sound knowledge and word reading techniques, this includes identification of special friends and split diagraphs in words as well as increasing reading fluency through speedy reading.



Year of the Tree

Last half term, Year 1 enjoyed carrying our art activity of making a water colour painting of our leaf from our tree. 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

Monday 13th April - Inset Day

W/c 13th April - Phonics Screening Check Practice

Tuesday 14th April - First Day of Summer Term

W/c 27th April - Assessment Week

Thursday 30th April - Merian Class Trip to Banham Zoo

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May - Rashford Class Trip to Banham Zoo

W/c 11th May - RWI Assessments

Wednesday 20th May - Class Photos

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day



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: This term we will be doing swimming on a Friday afternoon. Please could you ensure that your child comes into school every Friday with the following kit:

- Swimming costume or trunks (baggy swim shorts are not acceptable due to them impeding children's mobility and making it difficult for the instructor to be able to see leg technique)
- Towel
- Swimming hat
- Goggles are optional

Our first swimming lesson will be starting on the Friday 25th April.

Forest Schools: Both classes will not be attending Forest School this term.

Year 1 Top 100 Recommended Reads

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