



Reception Summer 1

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Our Creative Habit - Inquisitive



English

This half term our T4W model text is 'The Gruffalo'

Maths

Securing Addition and Subtraction Facts
Number Patterns within 20
Number Patterns beyond 20

Understanding the World

Caring for our planet
Comparing the UK with a contrasting country - Australia
Similarities and differences between the past and present
Woodland animals

Expressive Arts and Design

Using musical instruments to create a musical story
Painting inspired by Aboriginal art
Using clay
Using different tools

This half term in Reception, we have loved exploring Jack and the Beanstalk. The children enjoyed thinking about the characters' feelings, creating their own versions of the story, and planting beans to watch them grow.

World Book Day was a real highlight, with wonderful costumes bringing favourite stories to life. We share stories every day in Reception, and it's been lovely to see the positive impact this has had on the children's reading and writing.

We have also been learning about a range of different celebrations, which the children have approached with great interest and respect. They explored Lunar New Year by making lanterns, masks, and even creating a large dragon for our very own parade. They learned about the story of St Patrick, created beautiful mosaics inspired by Ramadan, and have been eggstremely excited to begin learning about Easter.

In Maths, we have been learning about sharing and grouping, number representation, number lines, and doubling. The children have made great progress and have supported each other brilliantly.

We also had a fantastic trip to the Ancient House Museum in Thetford, where the children were beautifully behaved and wonderful ambassadors for Drake.



PSHE



This half term we are learning about 'Relationships'. We will talk about how to make friends, solve friendship problems when they occur and what makes a good relationship



Our value this half term is -

Courage



Our Learning So Far...

Our year group page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Reception&pid=276>

Next half term...

Next half term our theme is **Planet**.

We will start with a 'hook' lesson, to get the children engaged in the story 'The Gruffalo'. We will explore a woodland habitat, animals and plants found in the woodland as well as the seasonal changes.

In English, we will write instructions, a recipe, setting descriptions, character portraits and woodland animal fact files.

Maths will see us continuing to develop our understanding of number, exploring numbers up to 20 and securing our understanding of addition and subtraction.

We will extend our understanding of the world when comparing a contrasting location as well as develop our understanding of sustainability and how we need to care for the environment.

We will develop our design skills through designing a shelter for a woodland animal thinking about colour, texture and function.

Our Art will be inspired by Aboriginal art.

Dates for Diary

Monday 13th April - INSET Day

Tuesday 14th April - Return to School

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May - Bee Week

Wednesday 20th May - Class Photos

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day (time to be confirmed)

25th May - 29th May Half Term



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.

Suggested books to read at home have been added to the end of the newsletter

Weekly RWInc videos will be added to Tapestry.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Physical Development, Swimming and Forest School

Attenborough will focus on preparing for Sport's Day during their Monday Physical Development sessions. This will start week beginning 20th April.

Andersen will have their swimming sessions on a Monday afternoon. A separate letter has been sent home to families.

Andersen will continue with Forest School on a Wednesday.

Attenborough will have Forest School sessions in the main Forest School area with Sara Star - day to be confirmed.

This will start again week beginning 20th April.

The Reader Teacher

Top 100 Recommended Reads for Reception

www.TheReaderTeacher.com/Reception

for ages 4-5+

Poster



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English through Story Sacks Yr.R



Would you like to encourage your child's reading and imagination? Do they enjoy hands-on learning and story time?

NCC Family Learning are delighted to be coming to Drake Primary School over April/May to support Reception families with a FREE 4-week workshop around making your own 'story sack': a bag full of interactive and multi-sensory characters, props, and much more, linked into a book of choice. This enhances family story-time and makes children more active in the story-telling process.

Tuesday afternoons - 2 hours per workshop - 1:15pm to 3:15pm

April 21st - Design your sack

April 28th - Create your characters

May 5th - Exploring Settings

May 12th - Non-fiction and narration

*** Children join for the last half-an-hour to work with you ***