



Year 1 Newsletter

Summer 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Creative Habit: Collaborative



English:

This half term our Talk 4 Writing model text is “Meerkat Talk”. We will be innovating our own warning tales.

Maths:

Multiplication and Division
Money
Measurement – Capacity and Volume

Science:

Animals including Humans

Art:

Making Birds

History:

Explorers

Computing:

Animations using Scratch Jnr

PE:

Swimming

RE:

How do Christians belong to their faith family?

Welcome back into the second part of the Summer Term!

The Year 1 Team are extremely proud of the learning that has taken place across the Summer Term so far, especially in preparation for the Phonics Screening Checks, which will be administered on w/c 8th June 2026. We cannot thank-you enough for your support with phonics this year and will continue to share resources to support the children ahead of the check.

Last half term, we thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Banham Zoo. The children represented Drake amazingly and really enjoyed exploring the site to learn about the different animals. This included body parts, habitat, diet and animal classifications. In English, the children have been working super hard on innovating their own losing tales inspired by our model text “Handa’s surprize.” It has been lovely to see their imagination and creativity in our English lessons flourish and grow as well as the fantastic focus they have put into editing their work against our non-negotiables (Capital Letters, Full Stops and Finger Spaces).

We have also enjoyed exploring our DT unit “Wheels and Axles.” We cannot express enough how focused and creative the children have been with producing their monster-themed toys. They certainly looked incredible.

PSHE 

This half term we are learning about “Changing Me” We will be talking about the transitions that we can undertake in our lifetime and how our bodies change over a period of time..



Our school value for this half term is:
Forgiveness



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 History topic, we are going to be exploring the work of explorers. Within this, we will consider the work of famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Matthew Henson and the impact that explorers have had on the world. In our

Science, we will be exploring animals. Not only will we think about the features of animals and the habitats they live in, but we will also think about animal classifications including understanding about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

On our first week back, we will kick start into our whole school Arts Week.

On this week, the children will be producing their own tree poems.

We just wanted to remind you that next half term, the children will be doing their final Phonics Screening Check. Class Teachers will be administering these checks. The Phonics Screening Check Window will be from Monday 8th June - Friday 19th June 2026.



Year of the Tree

Last half term, Year 1 enjoyed carrying our art activity of making a trees across the seasons zine. We also conducted another visit to our tree and observed that since our last visit a lot of the leaves had begun to grow on our tree as we move from the Spring into the Summer.

Dates for Diary

Monday 1st June - Return back to school after May half term

W/c 1st June - Arts Week

W/c 8th June - Phonics Screening Check Week (Final Check)

Friday 12th June - Day of Welcome

Thursday 25th June - Year 1 Summer Performance at 2:45pm

Tuesday 7th July and Wednesday 8th July - Transition Days

Wednesday 15th July - Rocksteady Concert

Thursday 16th July - Summer Festival

Friday 17th July - Last day of Summer 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: 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

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