



Year 3

Summer 2

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Where a World of Opportunities Awaits

Our Creative Habit – Collaborative



English
Fiction– Dragon Encounter

Maths
Measures
Calculation strategies

Science
Working scientifically skills

History
Romans

D&T
Structures: Constructing a castle

Computing
Information technology: Desktop publishing

French
Bon anniversaire!

RE
Theology: How do Sikhs show devotion to God?

PSHE
Changing Me: transitions

PE
Tag rugby

Last Half term

We have had an action packed first half of Summer term! We started off the term with an exciting visit to Colchester Castle- we worked as a team to build a Roman Villa, we explored the museum’s Roman artefacts and took part in an underground story tour, of the temple vaults.

In English, we used our imaginations to write descriptive dragon poetry. Then we designed our own dragons and wrote an information style text all about our dragon.

In maths, we have been learning about angles, shapes and measurement. We are also getting faster at our times tables, ready for Year 4. We have also enjoyed our Forest School sessions. We started our ‘Conflict’ theme by learning about the changes from Iron Age Britain to Roman Britain. We thought about what life was like, 2000 years ago, from the perspective of the Iceni tribe and the invading Romans.



PSHE



This half term our PSHE unit is called ‘Changing Me.’ We will think about transitions and explore how we can express our emotions when changes occur. We will understand and respect the changes we see in ourselves and in other people. We will learn about how to ask for help if we are worried about change.



Our value this half term is –
Forgiveness



Our Learning So Far...

New school website- <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/>

Our class page - <https://www.drake.norfolk.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+Three&pid=304>

This Half term

In summer 2, Year 3 will be travelling back in time to explore The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Our central enquiry for the term asks: How did the Romans help to shape modern Britain? We will begin by investigating the invasion and conquest of Britain, learning about the diverse origins of the Roman troops stationed here. We will explore how life changed for the native Britons through "Romanisation," examining new social structures, trade goods brought to the country, and the introduction of Christianity.

The children will develop their skills as historians by analysing evidence from key sources like the Vindolanda tablets and the writings of Tacitus. They will also study the lasting legacy of the Romans, including major engineering feats and sites such as Hadrian's Wall. Through sequencing events and examining artifacts, students will build a chronological narrative of how this empire shaped our nation.

In music, we are busy preparing for our summer singing performance - an adaption of the traditional tale, Hansel and Gretel. We will perform this on Thursday 2nd July (more details to follow). We will be celebrating our achievements in Year 3 and will be getting ready for transition into Year 4 at the end of summer term. We will be thinking about our ambitions for the next academic year. We will do our utmost to make sure that the transition to Year 4 is as smooth as possible, so we will be focusing on the wellbeing of the children throughout Summer 2.

Dates for Diary

Monday 1st June: Arts week

Friday 12th June: Day of Welcome

Thursday 2nd July, 2.30pm: Year 3 Summer performance: Hansel and Gretel songs

Tues 7th July and Wed 8th Jul: Transition days

Thursday 16th Jul: Summer Fair

Friday 17th Jul: Last day of term - finish at 1pm

Home Learning



Reading: Please listen to your child read, we are aiming for 7 reads every week. Please bring your reading record to school every day.

Reading comprehension: A text and questions will be sent home in a yellow homework book. Reading comprehension will be sent out on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Friday.

Spellings: A spelling list will be given out on Fridays, for a spelling check in school the following Friday.

Times Tables Rockstars: Have a go at logging into TTRS at home to practise times tables.

PE and Forest School

PE: Year 3 will have PE every Tuesday. We will be learning rugby skills. Please come into school wearing PE kit on Tuesdays and make sure long hair is tied back. Just a reminder that earrings are not to be worn in school for safety.

Forest School: Year 3 will not have Forest School sessions this term. We completed our Forest School sessions in Summer 1.