The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Reception Dive Into Learning With a Week of Water Play Fun

Reception have had a fantastic week making the most of the warm weather with lots of exciting water play activities! The children enjoyed mark making using squeeze bottles and paintbrushes, helping to develop their early writing skills in a fun and engaging way. They also had great fun cleaning our muddy farm animals and stones from the water fountain using finger toothbrushes, showing excellent care and concentration.

Our water activities also supported lots of mathematical learning. The children used nets to catch fish and count how many they had caught, challenged themselves to see who could hook the most ducks in one minute, and enjoyed picking numbered balls, calling out the number before rolling them down the guttering. Towards the end of the week, the children impressed us by testing their knowledge of odd and even numbers, reading the number on each ball and placing it into the correct gutter chute.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our families for their support and understanding during the recent extreme heat. Your patience and partnership have been truly appreciated.

We are incredibly proud of how our children responded throughout the week. They showed wonderful adaptability and resilience, coping brilliantly with changes such as relocated classrooms and adjusted routines. Their positive attitudes and maturity were evident in everything they did.

A special thank you also goes to our families for supporting the ITV News Anglia filming. The crew have shared that we have become their 'go-to' school, thanks to how articulate, welcoming and confident our children are on camera.

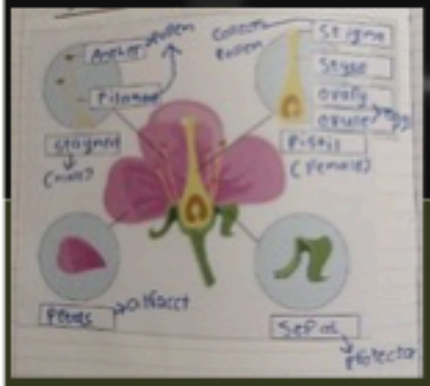
KS2 Sports Day Highlights

Last week, we shared how incredibly proud we were of all our KS2 children for their fantastic resilience, determination and sportsmanship during Sports Day, especially in the challenging heat. The children supported one another brilliantly and represented their teams with real enthusiasm. We also thanked our families for their wonderful support and our staff team for ensuring the event ran safely and smoothly.

Congratulations once again to South America, our winning team with an impressive 602 points.

Here are some of the photo highlights capturing the energy, teamwork and joy of the day.

Spotlight on Science



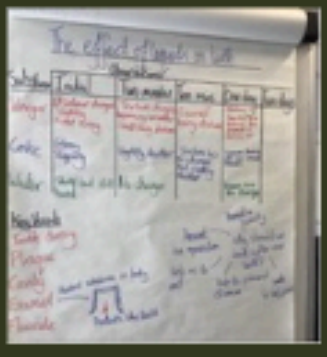
Science at Drake Primary School is buzzing with curiosity, creativity and discovery! We are proud to use the award-winning Developing Experts programme, developed by specialist teachers in partnership with real-world STEM experts, to bring science to life for every child.

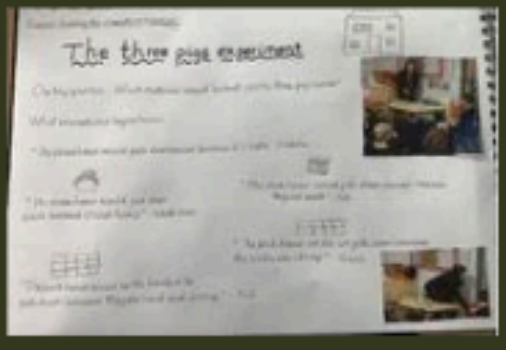
From exploring living things in Biology, to investigating materials in Chemistry, and discovering forces and energy in Physics, our pupils are going on a thrilling scientific journey that covers it all.

This year, we have placed a special focus on building children's scientific vocabulary and confidence, empowering them to think, talk and write like true scientists. In every lesson, pupils ask big questions, make bold predictions, conduct hands-on investigations and share their findings with growing pride and confidence.

Science at Drake isn't just about facts on a page — it's about getting stuck in, exploring the world first-hand, and developing the skills of real scientists. It is truly wonderful to see children's eyes light up when an experiment works, when a question sparks a new idea, or when they find just the right scientific word to explain their thinking.

We are incredibly proud of every young scientist in our school, and we cannot wait to see where their curiosity takes them next. Who knows? Today's curious young investigator could be tomorrow's engineer, biologist or astronaut!



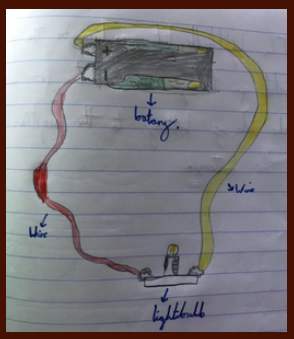


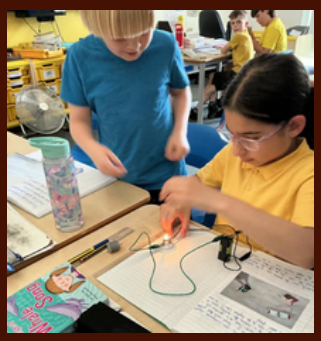
Year 4 Express Their Identity Through Creative Collage Zines

Year 4 explored collage techniques to create their own zines (small handmade books) on the theme All About Me. The children enjoyed expressing their personalities and interests through creative artwork and writing.

They were proud to share their finished zines with their classmates, celebrating their identities, personalities, and the things that make them unique.

Powering Up Science: Year 4 Discover How Circuits Work





In Science this week, Year 4 learned about electricity and explored how electrical energy travels through a circuit. Working with partners, the children built simple circuits using wires, batteries, and bulbs. They were excited to see their bulbs light up and investigated what was needed to complete a circuit successfully. The class enjoyed working collaboratively and developing their understanding of how electricity flows through a circuit.