



# Drake Class Information



The school year is now well underway so here is some information about the expectation and systems in the classroom.

## The beginning and end of the day:

Children in Drake Class are able to walk to and from school independently. I will strive to be on the playground every day before and after school and available for a quick chat. If you would like a more in depth conversation, then you can arrange with me or the office a convenient time to meet.

## Homework:

Children should still read out loud as often as possible and should **read for at least 30 minutes three times a week**. The more you can talk to them about their book, the better: What has happened? Can you summarise the book? Were there any interesting words? How do you think the story is going?

Children in Key Stage 2 should know all of their **multiplication tables** (and related division facts) and be able to recall them quickly and accurately. There are some easy to use websites, apps and books which can help increase this knowledge but simply asking them to recite them, write them out or answer quick-fire questions (really easy to do on the move too!)

**Spelling** is currently being reviewed and we are hoping to implement a new scheme after half term.

For each topic, some suggested **home learning activities** will be given out for the children to complete if they would like. I would really like to encourage the children to come home and continue their learning at home on the topics we are discovering.

## PE:

PE will take place on Thursday and Fridays so the children will need the correct kit to participate (trainers, blue t-shirt and black shorts/leggings). Hair needs to be tied up at all times in school and children should not be wearing jewellery (apart from studded earrings).

Kit can be kept in the cloakroom for the whole half a term but obviously there may be times when it needs to be taken home to wash.

## Breaks and lunches:

Please keep snacks and lunches as healthy as possible; they should not be eating anything sweet/chocolaty or crisps at morning break. For 20p, children will be able to purchase snacks from the hall. Children can have a water bottle in class and they are encouraged to stay hydrated during the day. If they are sent in squash for their lunch, they will not be able to have it in class as it can spill and ruin work etc. but water will be available to drink at the water fountain.