



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

LOWER KEY STAGE TWO (YEARS 3 AND 4) NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2026

A warm welcome back to the summer term. We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.

CURRICULUM COVERAGE YEARS 3 AND 4

The children in Years 3 and 4 will follow the National Curriculum for English and mathematics.

In English and maths, both year groups will be learning the following;

Week Commencing	English	Mathematics
13 th April	Sentence Stacking and Full Stops	Fractions
20 th April	Sentence Stacking and Speech	Fractions
27 th April	Sentence Stacking and Editing Skills	Assessment/ Time
4 th May	Sentence Stacking and Apostrophes	Time
11 th May	Assessment	Time
18 th May	Half-Term	
25 th May		
1 st June	Persuasive Letters	Decimals
8 th June	Persuasive Letters	Decimals
15 th June	Explanation Texts	Decimals
22 nd June	Explanation Texts	Money
29 th June	Letters	Money/Shape
6 th July	Letters	Shape
13 th July	Assessment	Assessment

These areas of learning will be delivered at a level suitable to the individual.

In science, the children will be learning about sound, forces and magnets. In history, they will be learning about the Iron Age. The art unit focuses on creating 3D designs and sculptures. In geography, the children will study jungles and deserts. R.E. lessons will teach children about Islam. In design technology, the children will be studying levers and linkages.

P.E. this term is weekly swimming lessons. Mr Hunter will be teaching the children key skills such as throwing and catching for handball. In music lessons, the pupils will be continuing to learn about the inter-related elements of music. The children will be learning to speak and write about the parts of the body and animals in French lessons. In computing, lessons will focus on collecting and presenting data. For online safety, children will be taught how to use good etiquette online and recognising that not all information on the internet is true.

P.S.H.E. will focus on developing pupils' understanding of their physical and mental well-being. Please see the table below for key vocabulary that will be covered during P.S.H.E lessons.

Healthy - In a good physical and mental position

Unhealthy - Something or someone that is unwell and is less able to recover from illness or injury

Balanced diet - A mixture of food groups

Habit - Something that you do often and regularly, sometimes without knowing you are doing it

Self-esteem - The way you see yourself

Emotions - The way the feeling is expressed e.g.: happy, sad

Feelings - An emotional reaction

Mental health - How you feel emotionally

Physical health - Normal functioning of your body

Lifestyle - The way a person lives everyday



EDUCATIONAL VISITS

This term we will be visiting Maldon Museum of Power to learn all about forces and magnets on Friday 1st May. Letters have already been sent with details.

READING AT HOME

We would like to thank those parents who read regularly with their child. The impact on their learning is very noticeable. In instances where regular home reading is not taking place, your child's class teacher will be in touch to see if we can offer assistance in improving the regularity of home reading, since this is part of the home-school agreement. The expectation is that children will be heard to read at least four times each week. Please ensure your child completes the quiz on Accelerated Reader once they have read each book.

LABELLING PERSONAL PROPERTY

Just a reminder that all personal property needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes all uniform, P.E. kits (swimming towels and costumes), lunchboxes, water bottles and pots for snacks. As the children move around the school during the course of the day, if their property is labelled, any lost or mislaid items can easily be returned. Thank you.

P.E. SESSIONS

Mrs Malyan/Mrs Herbert's class have P.E. sessions on a Friday

Mr Chaplin's class have P.E. sessions on a Friday

Miss Glover's class have P.E. sessions on a Monday

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 will attend swimming on a Tuesday.

This term, please ensure that your child has a swimming hat as this is a requirement by the pool.

Please can we remind you that NO earrings are allowed in for PE sessions, including clear earrings. This is for the children's own safety. Can you also please provide your children with the correct PE kit on the days above as we have very limited spares and an increasing number of children arriving with missing items. A spare pair of socks would be useful for the girls who wear tights to school. The children get changed at 8:45am on a Tuesday as PE starts at 9am so your child needs their PE kit with them when they come into school.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 13th April —Pupils return to school for the Summer Term

Monday 4th May —Bank Holiday

Monday 18th May to Friday 29 May —Half-Term

Friday 12th June – Sports Day

Friday 3rd July —Non-Pupil Day

Friday 10th July – School Fundraising Day

Tuesday 21st July —First day of Summer Holiday

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Malyan, Mrs Herbert, Mr Chaplin and Ms Glover.