Community coffee mornings - Thursdays @ 9am!
Check our website:
www.drew.newham.sch.uk/Parents/Parent-Workshops
to see when they are and the theme is.



Great attendance for great learning!

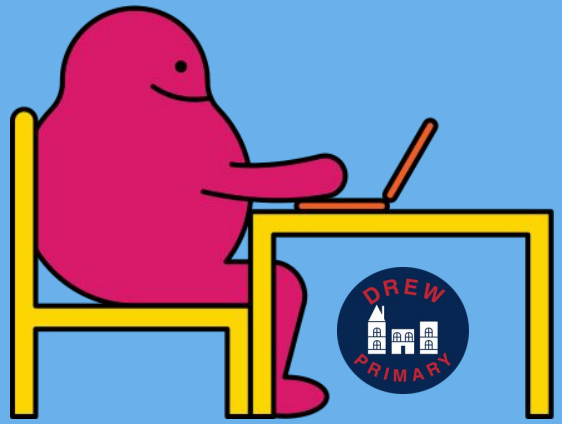
- come **every day**
- gates open at **8.40am**
- **no holidays** in term time

Welcome back!

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026

This half term's learning:



Our Theme: Let's Celebrate

Topic: This term, we will explore Traditional Tales, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas. We will listen to stories, look at pictures, learn about different traditions, explore colours and patterns, and take part in creative activities. We will also encourage the children to share their own experiences, talk about celebrations they know and learn about how different people and families celebrate special occasions.

Religious Educations (RE): We will be learning about the Nativity story and developing our understanding of why Christmas is celebrated by Christians.

Maths: We will explore counting to 10, number composition to 4 and comparing quantities, 'more than and fewer than'. We will also develop our understanding of space by using prepositional language, such as in, on, under, next to and behind.

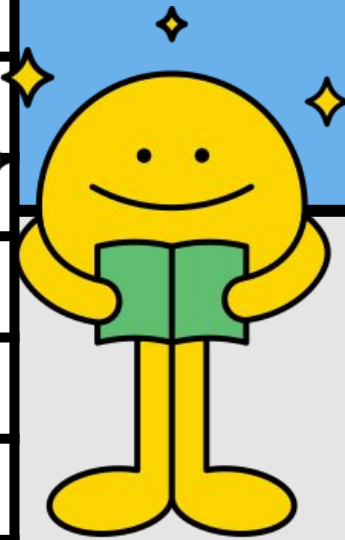
Music: We will continue our learning with Michelle, from Newham Music Hub, using our voices and movement to be musicians.

English: We will be reading the story The Enormous Turnip. The children will practise retelling the story using simple sentences, recognising initial sounds and writing simple CVC words. We will also enjoy baking activities, where the children will write their own simple recipes and follow the instructions to make something delicious!

PE: We will be developing our jumping and hopping skills, exploring different ways to move and how to travel high, low, over and under. We will also have opportunities to perform the movements and shapes with peers

Dates for your diary

My PE days are	**Castle**: Thursday and Friday **Ocean**: Wednesday and Thursday
TUESDAY 3rd November	**All children back at school**
Tuesday 3rd November	Individual and sibling photographs taken in school
Tuesday 10th November & Tuesday 1st December 8:40-9:30am	Stay and Play - families welcome
Wednesday 2nd December	Seasonal Walk in the Playground
Wednesday 2nd December (3:30-6:30pm) Thursday 3rd December (3:30-5:30pm)	Family Learning Meetings (book via Arbor)
Wednesday 9th December AM & PM performances	Early Years Christmas Performance
Friday 18th December	School ends at 1:30pm
TUESDAY 5th January	All children return to school



Supporting learning at home

Communication & Language:

- Read together daily. Share stories, talk about the pictures and ask questions about what might happen next.
- Sing songs and rhymes. Nursery rhymes help children develop listening skills, vocabulary and an awareness of sounds.
- Talk, talk, talk! Chat with your child about everyday activities.

Self-care:

- Recognise feelings. Help your child name their emotions and talk about how they are feeling.
- Practise fastening zips and buttons on clothes.

Writing:

Practise letter formation. No capital letters please.

Practise name writing. Encourage your child to write their name on pictures, cards and creations.

