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## *A message from Miss Towler...*

Ni hao parents and carers!

Well it has been a very different week for me being out of school and learning all about education in Shanghai, China. I have enjoyed the unique opportunity to experience life in a very different culture and have lots of things to share about the way in which maths teaching for mastery is carried out in Shanghai. I will say that I have definitely missed our wonderful children and am looking forward to being back after half term though!

Have a wonderful half term holiday.

Best wishes,  
Caroline Towler  
Headteacher



## **Tadcaster Primary Academy hit the stage!**

Tuesday last week saw our Y4 and 5 pupils perform at York Theatre Royal at Dance it up North. We had a great time and the children will have had an experience that they will never forget. It was a real privilege to see our children perform with such great confidence and ability on the Theatre Royal stage. They did themselves and the school proud. Next stop Broadway! If you follow us on Twitter [@TadPrimaryAcad](https://twitter.com/TadPrimaryAcad) you will see photographs and videos of their dance if you missed it.



## **Attendance at Tadcaster Primary Academy**

Our school attendance target is 97%. Please see last week's attendance figures:

Reception: 95% Jupiter: 95.19% Saturn: 96.67%

Neptune: 98.42%. **\*Top team attendance\***



Please see this half term's attendance figures:

Reception: 95%

Saturn: 96.15% **\*Top team attendance\***

Jupiter: 93.37%

Neptune: 95.13%

### Early Years curriculum update

Foundation Stage have had a really good half-term and I'm so proud of how the new F2s have settled in to full-time school! They have shown such good attitudes to their learning and are developing new skills every day. The children love their Topic and Pond sessions and really look forward to Friday Music and PE with our Ebor specialist teachers. See all our adventures on Twitter!

Next half-term we will be building up to a full timetable, including more Helicopter Stories and the introduction of Philosophy for Children to really develop their speaking and listening skills. Phonics sessions will see the introduction of the digraphs and children will become more proficient at blending and segmenting ready for reading and writing. We will have lots of fun as Christmas approaches and will be performing some songs for parents before the end of term.



### Team Jupiter curriculum update

We have been working hard on all aspects of the curriculum especially science. We know that washing your hands repelled microbes that could make you ill. We also know there are good and bad bacteria. In English we are continuing to work hard on our writing remembering to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.



### Team Saturn curriculum update

Team Saturn have been doing a lot of hands on activities in our Science topic of the digestive system. We have made play-dough models of our teeth and in our eating challenge tested what teeth we use to eat different foods. We have also started to learn about where our food goes and where it ends up. In our Beatles topic we have been learning all about the Fab Four and have created our own poems based around 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds'. Mrs Oldfield has also been teaching the children lots of their songs. In Maths we have learned about place value and have been working hard on our reasoning and problem solving skills.

### Team Neptune curriculum update

We have had a busy half-term in English story writing based on a film called Swing of Change as well as performing and writing our own versions of the Lion and Albert. We learned about dialect and standard English and are doing some drama to provide ideas for formal letter writing. In Science we have learned about Life Cycles of animals and plant reproduction. In Maths we have covered Place Value and fluency and problem-solving using the four number operations. We are developing our Reading for ERIC skills reading Letters from the Lighthouse. In our creative curriculum we started our Saving the Planet topic learning about climate change and pollution. We have made a great start using chromebooks to improve our learning & plan to showcase our work through Seesaw. Swimming, Music & PE are going well.