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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been busy this week getting stuck into our new creative curriculum topics. It has also been lovely to see our children enjoying their learning in new subjects- Key Stage Two pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have started learning German with Mr Sands and this has been fantastic to see in action. Ask your children what they can say in German!

Our School Council members have also been a real driving force over the last few months in talking to the other pupils and discussing what is special about Tadcaster Primary Academy and how we could make it even more fantastic. Playtimes are already changing for the better thanks to their hard work!

Best wishes,  
Caroline Towler, Headteacher

## Welcome Miss Pigg to Team Jupiter!

Over the next half term team Jupiter is being joined by another teacher who will be teaching alongside Mr Ramzan and Mrs Bairstow. Miss Pigg is currently completing her PGCE teacher training qualification and is on her second placement working within schools in our trust.

We would like to welcome Miss Pigg both to Tadcaster Primary Academy and to team Jupiter.

We are sure Miss Pigg will have a fabulous time working with us at TPA and we know the children will love working with her.



## Ebor School Review

Next Tuesday we will be welcoming several members of Ebor Academy Trust to see how well we are doing in school. We will be joined by Gail Brown and Dave Barber who are both Senior Executive Headteachers who work within our trust.

We are sure they will find lots of positives about Tadcaster Primary Academy and may also find some aspects that we can do to further improve our school. Both Mrs Brown and Mr Barber will join the school playground on Tuesday morning to chat with parents about how things are going. Please feel free to share your thoughts.

As a result of the review we will be given feedback, which we will share to let you know what we are doing well and what we will be focussing on to help us continue to improve.

## Last week's attendance

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

Reception: **95%** Jupiter: **99% \*Top team attendance\*** Saturn: **98%** Neptune: **94%**



Thank you to our 193 followers. Let's get to 200! @TadPrimaryAcad



## Our Curriculum - what are we learning this term at TPA?

Last week we shared that some parents had asked for a bit more information about what their child is currently learning. Please find further information about what the children will be focussing on this term as part of their Creative Curriculum topic. We will be inviting you into school near the end of the topic to celebrate your child's learning. We can't wait!

### Team Early Years (FS1 and FS2) with Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Roche and Mrs Stebbings

In EYFS we will be learning about Tadcaster but first we are going to learn about environments around the world, starting with the Arctic and Antarctic! We have already enjoyed some stories about snowy places and used our new interactive board to look at the Arctic and the animals that live there. We will be exploring the properties of ice and setting off lots of experiments with the help of some cold weather or if not the kitchen freezer! Our environment journey will take us to the desert, the rainforest, the jungle, the sea and finally back to Tadcaster, learning about what it would be like to live in these places before we can answer the question 'Where shall I live?'



### Team Jupiter (Y1/2) with Mr Ramzan and Mrs Bairstow

We will be learning about Tadcaster and comparing different geographical places around the world and using iPads to create panoramic photographs. As scientists we are exploring everyday materials which we will apply to our creative design project. In computing we will focus on coding and debugging. In History we will compare photographs of Tadcaster today and in the past in Tadcaster Community Library, looking at similarities and differences. Our RE looks at both Christian and Hindu religious symbols and artefacts. The learning celebration will be based around geography and computing, celebrating coding to design a new human and physical landscape, building up to creating a new Tadcaster using Minecraft.



### Team Saturn (Y3/4) with Mr Parkinson and Miss Bell

We will be learning all about our home town of Tadcaster. Mrs Brooke has already taken the children touring Tadcaster and sketching significant buildings which they will then turn into an art piece based around the work of LS Lowry. On this tour we also noted down the different sounds we heard. These will be turned into a soundscape by Mrs Oldfield and poetry in class. We will also be looking at why Tadcaster became a settlement and who settled here. Linked in with RE, we will look at the different places of worship in Tadcaster and the signs and symbols both inside and outside. These will be compared with what we would find in Hinduism. We will also think about what we like about our town and how we could change Tadcaster for the better. Saturn Class will lead a photography exhibition about a day in the life of Tadcaster. This will capture one day in the life of our town and the people who live here. This will be the key part of our celebration along with a short play about Tadcaster.

### Team Neptune (Y5/6) with Mr Sands, Mrs Crook & Mrs Watson

Welcome to Tadcaster. We think, "It's not all bad in Tad!" We have discussed ideas for the kind of information we could include in an informal guide to all things Tadcaster. We plan to write to local people who can help us to find out about our town. The children will cover different aspects of Tadcaster which we will put together into a guide. But what form will this guide take? Our children will drive the outcomes - will it be a leaflet or brochure, could it be a series of short films about Tadcaster? We can practise our research skills, our interviewing skills & put it all together in our showcase.

### Some important dates for your diary...more to follow next week.

Dates for your diary	What's happening at TPA?
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day (part of 'Keeping Safe Online Week')
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	Half term holiday
Wednesday 18th March at 2pm	Celebrating our learning event at 2pm - parents & carers welcome
Thursday 2nd April at 2pm	Easter Service at St Mary's Church at 2pm - parents & carers welcome