

Friday 2nd October 2020 - Newsletter 4

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been thinking about how we can challenge ourselves. The children have been encouraged to think about pushing themselves to do things that are a bit more tricky and that it is good to be a little out of our comfort zone. In my Monday assembly this week I showed the children in Y1-6 a video clip of a mountain biker who really challenged himself riding over a ridge. What we want our children to say is 'I can't do it yet' if they are feeling challenged...rather than 'I can't do it!' We would love it if you could help reinforce this message at home.



Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

## Our weekly attendance:

Our school attendance target is 97%. This week we smashed it with a whole school percentage of 98%!

See this week's figures: **Top team attendance for all! Well done Team TPA!**

**Reception: 98%    Jupiter: 98%    Saturn: 98%    Neptune: 98%**



## Meet Team TPA

Every week we are going to shine the spotlight on a different member of our fantastic TPA team. **This week we are chatting with Mrs Oldfield**, our music teacher. Mrs Oldfield is also responsible for leading Music throughout the school and is in school every Wednesday and Friday. She is the only teacher in our school who can say she has the pleasure of teaching every child in school, every week!



### What do you enjoy about your role?

I love seeing the joy and excitement that music can bring to the children in our school. Be it through playing their own pieces, singing or listening and responding to music from around the world.

### What is special about working at Tadcaster?

The pupils at Tadcaster are all willing to try new things. Everyone participates in musical activities that sometimes take them out of their comfort zones. It's extremely satisfying to see children push themselves to complete a task while being supportive of each other in the process.

### If you could have one wish related to your role what would it be?

It would be to celebrate Christmas this year at TPA with some form of musical performance. We are working on ways to make this wish come true - watch this space!

## Go Global!



Our whole school topic this term is Go Global. Each of the teams has a different focus as part of this topic but this term there is a big drive on all things History related. Please see below to find out more about what your children are learning throughout the curriculum.

### Team Reception

This term we will be settling into our new team and getting to know the routines and expectations. We will be learning to be together with other children and to listen and concentrate when we learn.

Our theme for this term is the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers, which links really nicely with the Go Global school topic because it's all about us and our place on Planet Earth. You can watch it with your child at home on Youtube by following this link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkcjKbbF9JA&t=76s>

We will be learning about ourselves and each other and the planet we all live on. We hope the children's interests will take us on a virtual learning journey into space where they will learn all about planets, stars and moons. We will also be learning about Seasonal changes in our Pond and Beyond sessions and the Autumn festivals finishing with Christmas. Team Reception are very excited to be back at school (especially lunchtime!) and are really enjoying their new learning.

### Team Jupiter (Y1/2)

This term we are researching two great explorers; Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We will think about our history vocabulary and chart their journeys to 'The New World' and the moon. In science we are investigating and classifying animals. Our geography learning makes us think about planet earth, its continents and oceans. In computing, we will get better at navigating a chromebook (laptop) keyboard, screen and digital trackpad. In art we will investigate the colour palette, creating patterns and looking at the artist Keiran Blakey (<https://www.kieranblakey.co.uk>). Our music teacher Mrs Oldfield will teach tempo, pitch and rhythm. Will each team games. In RE we will look at the Christian and Jewish faiths, thinking about what happens in different festivals.

### Team Saturn (Y3/4)

This term we will be learning about Egypt as part of our 'Go Global' topic. First, we will imagine travelling to Egypt as one of the snails at the end of 'The Snail and the Whale'. We will plot and describe our journey to exotic Egypt. We will then look at the Ancient Egyptians and learn all about the pyramids, mummies and Moses. Then we will study modern Egypt and one of its most famous stars, the great Mo Salah. We will learn about his journey to the Premier League and what a positive influence he has been on the local community in Liverpool. Our RE topic we will look at the Jewish faith to link in with our work on Moses. In Science we will be learning about plants, including plants that grow in different parts of the world. Football will be our main sport in PE as we try to avoid using our hands (so far this is going well).

### Team Neptune (Y5/6)

This term we are learning about the Vikings and how England became a unified country. We will be answering some key questions in our topic: When was the Viking era? Who lived in England before the Vikings? What was life in England like before the Vikings invaded? Who were the Anglo-Saxons? Why is this period known as the Dark ages? Who were the Vikings and where in the world did they come from? In English, we are focussing on story writing, non chronological reports and biography writing. We will also be writing poetry. Our class novels this term are Wild Boy and Holes. In Science we are studying Light and Electricity. We will be focussing on Judaism in RE and picking up German after lockdown. We will also be using Seesaw as the term progresses to share with you some of the work we are doing in class.