

Friday 16th April 2021 - Newsletter 43

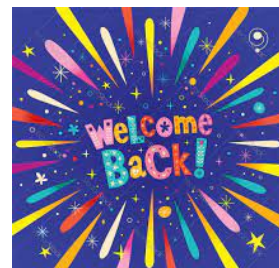
A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and that you got some much needed family time after the last few challenging months. It is wonderful to see the children back in school with smiles on their faces. The children have returned with positive attitudes and are already enjoying the start of their new Eureka topic. Read on to find out more about what your children will be learning about this term. Also check out this term's dates to see a few more exciting events which can now start to happen as lockdown begins to lift!

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher



Our school attendance this week:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: 98.48%



Reception: 100% Top team attendance :) Jupiter: 100% Top team attendance :)

Saturn: 95.68% Neptune: 99.66%

*As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell or isolating we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day. Thank you.



Learning all about our inner chimp!



On Thursday 22nd April we are excited to share that the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will each have a session with Kimberley Blakey from an organisation called Chimp Management. Children's mental health has never been as crucial given the challenges that everyone has faced over the past year. Chimp Management is all about supporting schools and children as much as possible with this. Kimberley will be delivering a 'Me and My Chimp' workshop at Tadcaster Primary Academy to students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This interactive workshop will introduce students to the Chimp Model and help them to understand why they might experience feelings such as anxiety, anger or worry. They will also explore some helpful strategies which can help them to manage these emotions and improve their overall wellbeing. As you know, at TPA we put a great deal of importance on children's emotional wellbeing and helping them understand their emotions and are sure that they will gain a lot from the session.



What are your children learning this term?



Eureka!

Our whole school topic this term is called **Eureka**. Each of the class teams has a different focus as part of this topic but this term there is a big drive on all things Science related. Please see a message from your child's class teacher below to find out more about what your children will be learning throughout the curriculum. One of the highlights of this term's topic will be our Science week which will take place the first week back after half term. We can't wait!!

Team Reception

Over the coming weeks we can't wait to learn all about '**Minibeasts, mess and magic**'. We will be finding, categorising and observing minibeasts and learning all about their habits and habitats! We will also be finding out about the world's largest and weirdest minibeasts. We will be engaging in some super science experiments to develop our thinking and explaining skills so watch out for lots of exploding, dissolving, diving and colour changing as we explore the magic of science!



Team Jupiter (Y1/2)



In Key Stage One our focus for this term will be focused on EUREKA! A science themed topic looking at different material and their uses including recycling. We will also look into the past and explore The Great Fire of London. Our Geography learning will take us to hot and cold countries and we will investigate the Equator and the

North and South Poles. In our Design Technology work we will look at using different materials to make joins and have an egg drop challenge competition! We will look at sculpture in Art and our Computing continues with more coding and debugging of algorithms. In PE, we will learn and improve our tennis skills.



Team Saturn (Y3/4)

This term we will be having a major focus on Science as part of our whole school EUREKA topic. We will be covering Forces and Magnets, Sound and States of Matter. Within these topics we will conduct exciting experiments, investigations and just doing some things for fun. These will include a toyologist challenge, floating paper clips, vibration stations, a window water cycle and Mars Bar cake!! In History we will be learning



about the Anglo Saxons including Alfred the Great. As part of the Geography topic we will look at different climate zones, rivers, mountains and lines of latitude, through our focus on Japan. Our RE focus will look at right and wrong through Christianity and Buddhism. In our PSHE topic we will be looking at the five ways to wellbeing and making pledges



to achieve these. This will also link in with our PE, where we will be taking part in different athletics events and playing cricket.

This term's learning continued...

Team Neptune (Y5/6)

In our Creative Curriculum topic we are learning about Volcanoes and Earthquakes in Physical Geography as well as locating countries and continents in World Geography using Latitude and Longitude. We are learning about the Ancient Greeks as our main History topic. Our topic will include Art where we will be designing Greek pots using images from Mythology and geometric patterns. We will be reading some Greek myths and in DT we will be preparing some modern Greek food and finding out about designers who have been inspired by Ancient Greece. In English our class books will be Boy in the Tower and The Legend of Podkin One Ear. We will be reading and writing poetry - In the Library of... Writing stories and character descriptions based on an amazing picture book called The Watertower, writing discussion texts about Greece and Sparta and Explanation texts describing how some "cracking contraptions" work. In Science we will be building on earlier work on Solids, Liquids and Gases looking at Properties and Changes of Materials with the emphasis on practical investigations and active learning with hopefully some awe and wonder mixed in too!



Important Reminders

Face Masks

Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure that they keep their distance from other adults and wear a face mask when dropping off and collecting children. It is important that we keep our whole school community safe.



Drop off and collection times



Can we ask that all parents ensure that they keep to the drop off and collection times for all children.

Key Stage Two (Y3-6) 8.40am/ 3.30pm
Key Stage One (Y1 -2) 8.45am/ 3.20pm
Families with children in both bubbles 8.50pm/
3.25pm

PE Kit for PE days

Just a reminder that we ask all children to ensure they come to school wearing the correct PE kit on their PE days. This kit should be:



- Plain white t-shirt
- Dark (Black/ Navy Blue) jumper or school uniform jumper
- Dark leggings/ jogging bottoms/shorts when weather is warmer
- Trainers

Please can we ask that you don't send your child in clothes with large logos/ images on their clothing or different coloured clothing to what we have specified above. Thank you for your support with this.



Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!

[Tadcaster Primary Academy](#) 🌈 (@TadPrimaryAcad)

What's Happening this term? UPDATED!



Dates	What's happening?
Thursday 22nd April	'Me and my chimp' workshop - For children in Y3,4, 5 and 6
Friday 30th April	Training Day - Children not in school
Friday 28th May - Friday 4th June	Half Term Holidays
Monday 7th June - Friday 11th June	Science Week at TPA! Lots of exciting Science based learning throughout the week to celebrate our Eureka topic!
Friday 9th July	Training Day - Children not in school
Thursday 15th July	Y1/2 Multi skills sports session - with local cluster sports coach (please come in PE kit)
Thursday 15th July	Y5/6 Cricket session - with local cluster sports coach
Friday 23rd July	Break up for summer holidays
Tuesday 7th September	Children return to school

Reminder: Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to those families that completed our home learning survey as requested at the end of last term. For those Parents and Carers that have not completed it, can we ask that you take five minutes to click on the link below and complete the remote learning survey. Many of our families have answered this short survey regarding the home learning offer that we provided during lockdown. This will be very useful for school and will allow us to reflect should we need to provide home learning for your child or for their class bubble at any point.



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