

Friday 17th September 2021- Newsletter 2

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it has been a busy second week of term at TPA. The children have definitely settled well into their school routines and are working very hard.

In Teams Venus and Jupiter, Miss Blythe and Mr Ramzan have started teaching their class teams our new approach to phonics. This year we are using 'Little Wandle Revised Letters and Sounds' to teach the children phonics. We have bought a whole new set of Collins Big Cat for LW reading books and the children are enjoying their phonics lessons lots! The reading practise books will be winging their way home very soon but please ensure in the meantime that you are enjoying the sharing book at home which your child has chosen to read.

Reading will be a big focus for this year at TPA, not only in Early Years and Key Stage One with early reading and phonics but also in Years 3-6. We have invested in new reading logs which will be used to celebrate your child's chosen books. It will also give you an opportunity to share your comments. Please can we ask that you encourage your child to use the reading log and promote a love of reading which we are doing so much at school as well.

Thanks and best wishes,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

## Another fab week at TPA



## Time Travellers!

This term we will be whizzing back in time to find out about events that happened in the past as part of our whole school 'Time Travellers' topic. We can't wait to find out more about history and other subjects this term. Read on below to learn more about what your child will be exploring in their lessons.



## Team Venus



This term we will be centering our learning around our story, 'Marvellous Me'. We will be encouraging children to talk about themselves, their families and their surroundings. We will then begin to focus on name writing and being able to draw and label our families. In Maths, we will be focusing on numbers 0-5 and allowing children to explore these numbers in a variety of contexts. We will then move to 'people who help us' towards the end of the term looking at different jobs in our community.

## Team Jupiter

This term we will be learning about Guy Fawkes in History, travelling back and then forward in time to bonfire night 2021. In Science we are classifying different animals and exploring the changes in the four seasons. In Geography we are exploring the countries of the United Kingdom, looking at human and physical features of the landscape. Our computing sessions look at digital literacy, e-safety and debugging algorithms as well as navigating keyboards and digital track pads. In RE we will look at Christianity.



## Team Saturn

Our Team will be travelling back in time to the Swinging Sixties for our History learning this term. We will be looking at some of the huge cultural changes that took place in this period and key historical events. In Science we are learning all about light and electricity. In our computing sessions we will look at e-safety and make programmes to create specific goals. In RE we will be studying what different people believe about God. In Geography we will cover the geographical features of the countries and cities of the United Kingdom. In German we are covering the following topics: Introducing yourself, colours, flags and countries, parts of the body and clothing.



## Team Neptune

We are travelling back in history to the period 2000 BC - 1500AD to learn about the Ancient Maya. In our class book we are travelling - back to wartime Britain to read a fantastic, new book called 'When the Sky Falls'. In Science we are covering Living Things and their Habitats focussing on plant reproduction and the Life Cycles as well as Forces. In DT we will use our learning about forces to make Moving Toys. In Geography we are learning about the countries, regions and cities of the UK, using atlases, maps, symbols and keys to build knowledge of the UK and wider world. In Computing we are learning about control systems, visual media and copyright. In RE we are looking at what religions say to us when life gets hard, asking questions and suggesting some answers about life, death, suffering, and what matters most in life. In German we are covering the following topics: Fruit, weather, months, birthdays, weekdays, months and describing activities.



## Our school attendance this week is:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: **92%**

**Venus Reception: 91.18% Jupiter: 90.48%**

**Saturn: 94.17% Top team attendance :) Neptune: 91.48%**

\*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.



## Date for your diary



Date	What is happening?
Wednesday 29th September at 5pm	Parent Zoom Meeting - join Miss Towler and Miss Blythe. Join our new assistant Headteacher and myself to discuss how things are going at school. We will also look at our school vision and values and the future of our school. If you are interested in joining us for the online Parent Forum please can you email <a href="mailto:admin.tad@ebor.academy">admin.tad@ebor.academy</a> and request the joining details.

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**OPEN MORNING**

SATURDAY  
25th SEPTEMBER 2021

9am ~ 12pm

We warmly invite you to join us and look forward to meeting you!



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