

Friday 7th January 2022- Newsletter 14

## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and managed to stay safe and well. The children have been excitedly sharing how much they have loved spending time with their families and receiving some lovely gifts. Despite the current circumstances we have come back to school with all our staff and the majority of pupils. We have our highest attendance this year...long may it continue.

We have made a fabulous start back this week with the children certainly hitting the ground running! We've enjoyed the odd flurries of snow and the ice art that this season inevitably brings.

This term we have moved on from our Time Travellers topic to our new creative curriculum learning focus: Welcome to Tadcaster and Beyond. Please read overleaf to see what your children will be learning this term in class.

We will also be starting our next extra curricular clubs next week, for those that have booked places. I am sure the children will enjoy these opportunities which for such a long time we were unable to offer.

Best wishes,  
Caroline Towler  
Headteacher

## Our school attendance this week is:

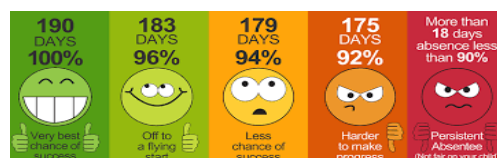
Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: 97.18%

Jupiter:99.37% Top team attendance :)

Venus Reception: 96.88% Saturn:95.11% Neptune:97.12%

\*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.



## PE Kit

Please can we ask parents and carers to ensure children **don't wear earrings on their PE day**. We are not able to allow children to wear earrings in PE sessions as it is a safety concern for them and their peers. Please also remember that children should only wear studs not hoops or other types on non PE days. Thank you for your support with this.

## Parking arrangements

Please be mindful of other families when parking in the school car park. Ideally, we would ask that families park further away from school and walk where possible.



## UPDATED: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks



Please see dates for this term's diary. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible if circumstances mean that dates need amending.

Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Tuesday 11th January	Team Saturn First Swimming Session at Tadcaster Swimming Pool
	York Dance Space Dance sessions in PE for Teams Neptune and Team Jupiter
	Extra Curricular Dance Club for KS1 and KS2 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 12th January	Extra Curricular KS1 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm Extra Curricular KS2 Art Club with Mrs Brooke 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 13th January	Tadcaster Historical Society class visit and assembly - The children will be learning all about the history of Tadcaster from a local historian.
	Team Saturn Children's Society visit - Team Saturn will be learning this week about how we can keep safe online.
	Extra Curricular Drama Club for KS2 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 18th January	York Dance Space Dance sessions in PE for Team Neptune and Team Jupiter
	Extra Curricular Dance Club for KS1 and KS2 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 19th January	Y6 SATs parent and carer information evening at 5.30pm with Mr Sands and Miss Towler - more details to follow shortly.
	Extra Curricular KS1 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm Extra Curricular KS2 Art Club with Mrs Brooke 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Thursday 20th January	Team Neptune Children's Society visit - Team Neptune will be learning this week about how we can keep safe online.
	Extra Curricular Drama Club for KS2 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 21st January	Team Jupiter trip to Tadcaster library
Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February	Whole school learning through week celebrating diversity: <i>Beautifully Different, Wonderfully the Same</i>
Thursday 17th February	Sports Relief - More details to follow shortly.
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term
Monday 28th February	Return to school
Friday 11th March	Training Day - school closed to pupils
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 25th April	Return to school
Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May	Y6 SATs week - Please do not arrange appointments or holidays during this week for any Y6 pupils.



### Twitter at TPA

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

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## What are we learning this term?

For our whole school Creative Curriculum topic this term the children will be focussing on our local area of Tadcaster and venturing beyond. We will also have a focus on diversity for our Learn through Week. Throughout this special themed week we will celebrate the differences we have that make us unique. Watch out for more information shortly on our '**Beautifully different, wonderfully the same**' learning week.

**Team Venus** will be learning all about the polar regions! We are going to link it to the topic of 'Tadcaster and Beyond' and make comparisons between where we live and these very cold places! We will be comparing the weather, environment and animals in both places. The children will become explorers and take a voyage to Antarctica to meet different animals that can survive in cold climates. The children will be listening to 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and 'Polar bear, polar bear what do you hear?' by Bill Martin Jr. We will use these books as inspiration for our writing. In our pond and beyond sessions we will have a winter focus, allowing the children to explore signs of winter in our environment.



This term **Team Jupiter** will be learning all about Tadcaster and Beyond. In geography we will explore Tadcaster and go on a journey to Africa to visit Kenya and its capital Nairobi. In science we will be exploring plants and conducting scientific experiments about what is needed for a plant to grow. Our history topic will explore Brunel the bridge builder and link this to Design technology where we will plan, design and evaluate bridge building using different materials. In art we will explore textiles linked to African art and in music we will listen to and create different soundscapes to represent different areas of the world.



**Team Saturn** will be learning all about Tadcaster and the surrounding area. In Geography we will explore why people settled in Tadcaster and look at the geographical features that influenced this settlement. In History we will look at the Romans in both Tadcaster and York, along with the history of beer and our different breweries. In Science we will learn about electricity and how circuits work, electrical conductors and insulators, how electricity is transported and how to be safe around electricity. We will then move on to learn about rocks, including how fossils are formed and the type of rock found in Tadcaster and used to build York Minster. In Art we will create work in the style of LS Lowry with Tadcaster (not Salford) as the backdrop. In RE we will learn about different religious festivals as they fall in the calendar. We will celebrate Bodhi Day (Buddhism), Easter (Christianity), Holi (Hinduism), Ramadan (Islam) and Passover (Judaism).



For this term's learning **Team Neptune** will be learning all about Tadcaster focussing on Human Geography and on the history of the site of the Battle of Towton. We plan to visit the battlefield and have a guided tour of York Minster. This links with our RE topic which investigates the questions: is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity? Show understanding of the value of sacred buildings and art. In Science we will cover classification of living things including microorganisms and some Forces investigations. In Art, we will be creating Maya masks, linking this to our learning from last term and developing our drawing skills which will link to Tadcaster.

