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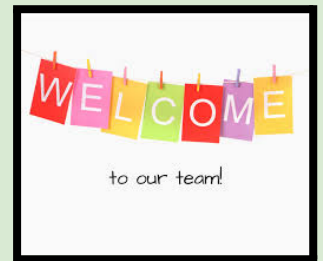
## A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we have been blown away with how well the new starters have settled into Team Venus. Over the last couple of weeks we have welcomed seven new members into the team and they have been little superstars. Mr Foster, Miss Ambler, Mrs Roche and Mrs James have been so impressed with how well they are doing! Welcome also to our new families as although some of our new starters have older siblings in school, several are new families joining our team. We are sure you will love being part of our school family. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with either myself, the Early Years Team or Mrs Loney in the school office if you have any questions or we can help in any way.

On Monday we will begin the week with a visit from Ebor Academy Trust. Every year a team from our Trust come and visit to see how we are doing at Tadcaster Primary Academy. We are really looking forward to showing off what we do. Please say hello to the team if you see them around school and let them know how things are going. Wish us luck!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Caroline Towler  
Headteacher



## Our school attendance this week is: 98.84% FANTASTIC!

Our school attendance target is 97%.

Saturn: 100% Top Team Attendance 🤗

Neptune: 98.79%

Jupiter: 98.21%

Venus Reception: 97.78%

\*Your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell, we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day.



## What are we learning this term?

As we mentioned last week our whole school topic this term is **Yorkshire!** We shared details regarding what each class team will be learning as a summary. This week we are including the curriculum focus plans for Teams Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune. Please take a look at the page below which is linked to our website. At the bottom of the web page you will be able to see a copy of these plans. We hope this gives you a useful insight into what we are learning this term and allow you to ask more about what your children have learnt. We are also sending copies of this home tonight for those families who like to read it on paper!

[Find out more about what your child is learning](#)

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| <b>SCIENCE</b><br>How do we identify and name different materials?<br>Wood, metal, plastic, glass, water, foam, cork, stone, brick.<br>What are the properties of materials?<br>Plastic, light, heat, soft, transparent, opaque.<br>Scientific Enquiry - How can we protect an egg using different materials? Classify the different, then test and prove the egg.<br>How can we make a fair test in science?<br>Keep one variable the same. | <b>HISTORY</b><br>Castles and Knights<br>What are the features of Starkey Castle, Conisburgh Castle and Hamby Castle?<br>Keep, monks, knights, galle houses, armaments, stone walls.                           | <b>GEOGRAPHY</b><br>How can we use Google Earth and pre-visit to research our 'hopping castle' and the location of the North York Moors and West?<br>How can we identify Yorkshire rivers, mountains and woodlands?<br>Use group work and photos.<br>Yorkshire physical and human features.<br>Weather patterns. | <b>COMPUTING</b><br>What is digital creative photography editing?<br>How do we create and edit digital writing? Use group work to create text and word images.<br>What do we need to know about 'C-Cash'? How to stop using technology and reporting to a trusted adult if it's unsafe. |
| <b>ART: Drawing, Printing and Sculpture</b><br>Virtual visit to Yorkshire Sculpture<br>Barbara Hepworth<br>David Hockney<br>Henry Moore<br>Yorkshire Coat of Arms.   | <b>PSHE</b><br>How can we create our own dance routine?<br>Identifying danger from formal dangers.<br>What is gymnastics and how can it help improve our health?<br>How can we jump, risk, coordinate my body. | <b>RE</b><br>How can we create our own dance routine?<br>Identifying danger from formal dangers.<br>What is gymnastics and how can it help improve our health?<br>How can we jump, risk, coordinate my body.   | <b>DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY</b><br>What are joining techniques?<br>How can we plan, design and evaluate a business model? Look at planning, designing and evaluating a cake design.  |
| <b>MUSIC</b><br>Listening to music by Compositors from Yorkshire, David Hockney, George Dyson, Chris Fox.<br>Compose music to accompany the Yorkshire Wolds National Nature Reserve.<br>Developing use of to and to be in rhythm work.   | <b>PE</b><br>How can we create our own dance routine?<br>Identifying danger from formal dangers.<br>What is gymnastics and how can it help improve our health?<br>How can we jump, risk, coordinate my body.   | <b>FOREIGN</b><br>Compositors, respect and respond people eg JRS.<br>What is money and how do we use it? People use money to buy and pay for things.<br>By having money people are able to support themselves in order to live in a comfortable way.   | <b>RE</b><br>How can we create our own dance routine?<br>Identifying danger from formal dangers.<br>What is gymnastics and how can it help improve our health?<br>How can we jump, risk, coordinate my body.  |

## 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?  |
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| Monday 16th Jan                             | <b>Ebor School Review:</b> On Monday we will be visited by members of our Academy Trust as part of our annual school review. Watch out for the team who will no doubt be chatting to Parents and Carers around school in the morning.   |
|   | <b>KS2 Football Club with York FC Foundation 3.30pm - 4.30pm.</b> Please collect your child from the front school entrance  |
| Tuesday 17th Jan                            | <b>KS1&amp;2 Music and Singing Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm.</b> Please collect your child from the front school entrance   |
|   | <b>KS1&amp;2 Dodgeball 3.30pm - 4.30pm.</b> Please collect your child from the front school entrance  |
| Wednesday 18th Jan                          | <b>Team Saturn swimming session</b>   |
| Thursday 19th Jan                           | <b>Team Venus Reception Craft Club with Miss Ambler 3.20pm - 4.25pm.</b> Please collect your child from the EY front entrance.  |
|   | <b>KS1&amp;2 Dance Club with York Dance Space 3.30pm - 4.30pm.</b> Please collect your child from the front school entrance.  |
| Thursday 19th Jan                           | <b>Super Census day lunch:</b> As shared on ParentHub the meal choice will be All Day Breakfast and Iced sponge with sprinkles. All children in Reception, Year One and Two will be given this option unless Parents and Carers say otherwise. If your child brings their packed lunch they will be given a taster as well. If your child is in Key Stage Two then please select the hot school meal choice on ParentPay. |
| Friday 20th Jan                             | <b>Individual and Sibling Photographs Day (rescheduled from Autumn Term)</b> - Families with younger siblings that don't attend school on a Friday can access school from 8.40am at the main entrance to have their photographs taken.  |
| Wednesday 25th Jan                          | <b>Y6 SATs Parent and Carer information evening at 5.00pm with Mr Sands and Miss Towler</b> - more details to follow shortly.   |
| Tuesday 7th February                        | <b>Safer Internet Day</b> - Our children will be learning all about keeping safe online   |
|   | <b>Online Safety Parent Information Evening - 3pm How can I keep my child safe online?</b> Please join Mr Ramzan and Miss Towler to discuss more about how you can ensure that your child is safe online. More details to follow shortly.   |
| Monday 13th Feb - Friday 17th Feb           | <b>Half Term - School Closed for the week</b>   |
| Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February | <b>Whole school learning through week celebrating 'Different Families, Same Love'.</b> Throughout this week we will be celebrating difference in our families, recognising that uniqueness is special and that not all families look the same.  |



### Twitter at TPA

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

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

## SAFEGUARDING AT TPA

If you are concerned about the safety of a child at Tadcaster Primary Academy, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Caroline Towler or the Designated Safeguarding Governor who is Kerry Lee, via the School Office on [admin.tad@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.tad@ebor.academy).

If your concern is urgent and out of school hours, please contact: MAST on 01609 780 780

Our school is proud to say that we take the safety and welfare of all of our children in our community seriously. We continue to work in partnership with all parents and carers to support with this.



Caroline Towler  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Kerry Lee  
Designated Safeguarding Governor

## Community News

A message from Little Helping Hands

*'We want to let as many families in Tadcaster and the surrounding villages know about our drop-in event. We run them on the last Saturday of every month at Tadcaster Barn Community Centre, and anyone can come along and take what they need. We have clothing (0-5 years), toiletries and nappies, bedding, blankets and other essentials. It would be great to share this as we know times are hard for many families at the moment.'*



## Little Helping Hands Pre-loved Event

OPEN TO EVERYONE

LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

10AM – 11AM

THE BARN, ST JOSEPHS ST, TADCASTER



PLEASE COME ALONG AND PICK UP:

0-5 YEAR OLD CLOTHES  
BEDDING AND BLANKETS  
NURSERY EQUIPMENT  
NAPPIES & WIPES

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH:  
[LITTLEHELPINGHANDSYORK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LITTLEHELPINGHANDSYORK@GMAIL.COM)  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LITTLEHELPINGHANDSBABYBANK](https://www.facebook.com/LITTLEHELPINGHANDSBABYBANK)



## Keeping Safe Online with Mr Ramzan



Please see the link below for some useful guidance for Parents regarding **World of Warcraft**. This is a popular game which many children access. There are risks when using this app and so please take a good look at the guidance on this useful poster below. Please note that this is a 12+ APP however we know that younger children may be tempted to play on it.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help us safeguard children about online safety with their children, around their home. This guide focuses on the game of **World of Warcraft** which is a popular game for children. Please note that this is a 12+ APP however we know that younger children may be tempted to play on it.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WORLD OF WARCRAFT

**AGE RESTRICTION 12+**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off movies, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation - but why are we still talking about it? In 2023 World of Warcraft's most recent expansion, *Dragonflight*, launched and November 2023 marks the game's 19th birthday. This latest addition has unlocked a whole host of loaded players back to the game - as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

#### ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-playing Game. Players create a character and head off on quests to explore the game's environment to discover new and exciting more powerful items and equipment. The game is played online on PC or Mac - so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

#### REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game. Usually every 18 months to two years, so although there's a lot of content for young players to experience right now, they'll need to continue buying expansions to continue buying new equipment, which tend to cost around £30.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month, but it's also possible to subscribe to the game for a longer period. There are also in-game purchases that can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

#### VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they don't fancy the public chat. It's a double-edged sword because - although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally - it puts young players at increased risk of being lured or recruited from within the in-game messaging function.

#### SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles are highly cartoonish compared with the level of difficulty in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cinematics, which are often quite violent and can be quite scary. These are usually shown at the start of a new quest, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

#### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players. (Incidentally, young adults) as they rush to secure the next quest, which is often a real character or a quest. Because of this, it's also a game that doesn't have a definite end. Because of this, it's also a game that doesn't have a definite end. Because of this, it's also a game that doesn't have a definite end.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely engaging game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, exercising or other important activities. You should, for example, consider limiting playtime to a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

#### MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks. You could even call them "quests" - like leveling their room or doing their homework. This will encourage them to be happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work really rewards.

#### SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

World of Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively pays for the regular new content, but there's also a separate free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up to level 20 for free, which is quite a good head start. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest monitoring in-game spending by not letting it work near to their account.

#### REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information System, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

#### ADVENTURE TOGETHER

World of Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and building alliances can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to keep gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

### Meet Our Expert

Our expert, Mr Ramzan, is a technology and education specialist who has been working in the gaming industry for over 10 years. He has a proven track record of helping parents and carers to keep their children safe online. He has a proven track record of helping parents and carers to keep their children safe online. He has a proven track record of helping parents and carers to keep their children safe online.

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