

Friday 28th April 2023- Newsletter 28

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to welcome Lindsey from Diversity Role Models into school on Monday. The children in Teams Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune had really positive sessions learning about embracing difference and for those children in Key Stage Two exploring the definitions behind LGBTQ. We always love having visitors in school and this was made even more special with the lovely feedback that Lindsey shared: 'I just wanted to pass on my thanks to you, your staff, and your young people for having us in to deliver workshops today. Your young people were fantastically behaved and really natural and thoughtful in their responses. They were a true credit to you and your staff.'



This term we are starting our new curriculum topic 'Eureka'. Find out more about what the children will be learning in each of our teams in this newsletter.



Have a lovely long weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our school attendance this week:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's R-Y6 attendance is: 97.14% 🙌

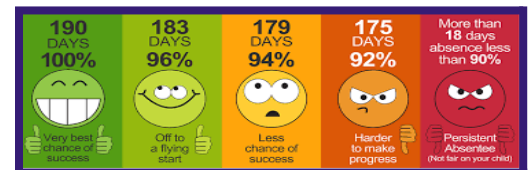
Nursery: 93.88%

Reception: 92.22%

Jupiter: 98.93 - Top Team attendance :)

Saturn: 98.40 Neptune: 96.97

*As Government guidance states, 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. Thank you.



Computing with Mr Ramzan

What are loot boxes?

Loot boxes are virtual items users can purchase in games with real money.

In the box, users will find a randomised selection of items that customise

or alter the user's experience of the game. They carry the potential to make a big difference to gameplay and they have caused quite a storm. Loot boxes are under scrutiny because some people believe they mimic gambling and an inquiry by the Department for Culture, Media, and Sport called for the regulation of loot boxes under gambling law and ban their sale to children. How to treat it: Have an honest conversation with your children about loot boxes. Make sure they know that: they are spending real money, games may be engineered to encourage them to purchase such items, if you feel it is appropriate, you can set up parental controls for purchases.

For further information please navigate to

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/11-things-you-should-know-about-loot-boxes>





Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!
[Tadcaster Primary Academy](#) 🌈 (@TadPrimaryAcad)

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?
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 2nd May	Key Stage One and Two (Years 1 - 6) Dodge Ball with Five Star Sports on Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Key Stage One and Two (Years 1 - 6) Xylophone Club with Mrs Oldfield on Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 3rd May	Team Neptune Swimming Session One (sessions held every Wednesday)
Thursday 4th May	Y1 Phonics Meeting for Parents and Carers - Year 1 'Preparing For The Phonics Screening Check' Meeting from 3.00-3.30pm.
	Key Stage One and Two (Years 1 - 6) Dance Club with York Dance Space on Thursdays 3.30pm -4.30pm
	Team Venus Reception Craft Club (Reception) with Miss Ambler on Thursdays 3.20pm - 4.25pm
	Year 6 Maths Club
Friday 5th May	King Charles III's Coronation - We will be having a special event in the afternoon to celebrate the King's Coronation. Parents and Carers will be invited to school. Join us at 12.30pm for songs on the playground and a picnic to follow.
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Tuesday 9th May	KS2 SATs breakfast for Y6 from 8.30am (see letter shared this week) Y6 Spelling and Grammar tests (no holidays/ appointments to be booked)
Wednesday 10th May	KS2 SATs breakfast for Y6 from 8.30am Y6 Reading tests (no holidays/ appointments to be booked)
Thursday 11th May	KS2 SATs breakfast for Y6 from 8.30am Y6 Maths tests (no holidays/ appointments to be booked)
Friday 12th May	KS2 SATs breakfast for Y6 from 8.30am Y6 Maths tests (no holidays/ appointments to be booked)
Wednesday 17th May	Brownlee Brothers Triathlon Event - More details to follow
Monday 22nd May	Yorkshire Cricket Club Taster Sessions (Y1-6)
Friday 26th May	School closed for Half Term

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 at the

end of June.

Team Venus (N/R)

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 also be learning to care for some minibeasts and animals such as creating a wormery, growing frogspawn and hatching some chick eggs! 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!

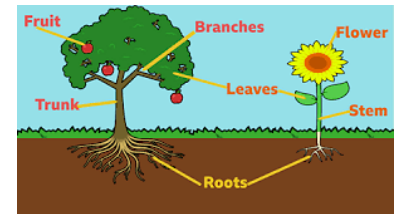


Team Jupiter (Y1/2)



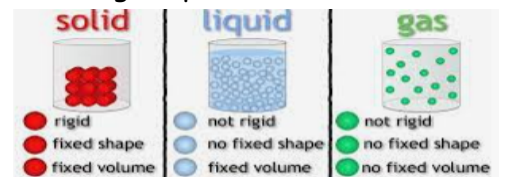
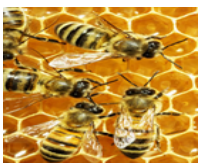
In Key Stage One our focus for this term will be EUREKA! This is a science themed topic looking at plants and the seasons. We will also look into the past and explore The Great Fire of London. Our Geography learning will take us to hot and cold countries and we will investigate the Equator and the North and South Poles. In our Design Technology work we will look at

creating buildings from the great fire of London using different jointing techniques. 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 Plants and States of Matter. In History we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons including Alfred the Great. As part of the Geography topic we will look at rivers, mountains and the water cycle. Our RE focus will look at what we can learn about right and wrong through different religions. In our PSHE topic we will be looking at health and wellbeing. In PE we will be taking part in different athletics events and playing cricket. In DT we will create a bee hotel. Our Art topic will be sculpture and self portraits in the style of different artists including Picasso. Computing will see us creating stop motion animation.



This term's learning continued...

Team Neptune (Y5/6)

In our Creative Curriculum we are learning about Volcanoes and Earthquakes in Physical Geography. As our main focus in our Eureka topic, we are learning about the Ancient Greeks. This 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. In RE we are learning about what life is like for a Muslim in Britain. In English our next class book will be Holes by Louis Sachar. 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 & active learning with hopefully some awe & wonder mixed in too!



After School Club Provision

Over recent months, families have approached school to express interest in us offering after school care for their child. As you know we currently offer a range of exciting clubs but not an after school provision which runs beyond 4.30pm, five days a week. We are keen to find out how much interest there would be if we were able to offer after school provision for our children. We are now looking at the possibility of running provision which would be available from 3.30pm - 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, for all children in Reception through to Year Six. There would be a cost for this provision of approximately £9 a session which we believe to be a competitive rate. We would still aim to offer our afterschool clubs as we have done this year at a small cost of £2. For those children that attend the after school provision they would be given the opportunity to attend the daily clubs being run at no additional cost.

Please can we ask that you complete a separate form for each of your children so we can assess potential pupil numbers.

For now we are looking at finding out your thoughts so please complete the form below to help us decide if this would be a viable option for us to pursue from September 2023.

<https://forms.gle/x81zy3CQxaNK7e1F7>





Menu

Sandwich Selection of Bucking-Ham,
Cheese, or Tuna Mayo

Sausage Roll

Chicken Goujon

Vegetable Sticks

Tortilla Chips

Celebration Cake



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