

Yarm Primary

Reception (EY2)

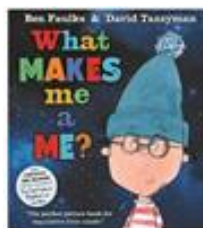
Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Reception

Welcome to the beginning of the new school year. The children have made a great start to their learning. They have enjoyed exploring all areas of the environment – particularly the arts and crafts where they have enjoyed creating with a variety of materials. We have been impressed with how quickly the children have taken to their new routines and we have enjoyed getting to know the children.

We are looking forward to an exciting term full of fantastic learning opportunities! This half term our learning will be focussed around the theme 'What Makes Me a Me? We will start by encouraging the children to think about themselves before moving on to their local community.



After half term we will focus on traditional tales and woodlands. We will think about the seasons and make links to our natural environment.



We like to use the outdoor environment as much as we can; with this in mind please can you ensure that the children are wearing **suitable clothing** for the weather. If possible, we also ask

that you provide a **pair of wellies** which the children can leave at school so that we can access the outdoor environment whatever the weather!

We look forward to welcoming you at **our Tea Party on Wednesday 16th September (3:30-4:30)**. We will provide further information on the learning offer in Reception at our Curriculum Evening on **Wednesday 23rd September (6:00-7:00)**. If you have not received details around these please let us know.

If you have queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us on the gate at the beginning or end of the day, via email – yarm@yarmprimary.org.uk or through the school office 01642 782731.

Mrs Willis and Mrs Parkes

During the morning the children take part in 'Prime Time' where we have a piece of fruit and a drink of water. **Please provide your child with a refillable (named) water bottle which contains still water only.** Fruit is provided daily, however if you wish, you may send a piece fruit in with your child.

If you haven't already, we politely remind you to **label your children's jumpers and cardigans** clearly so that we can ensure they go home with their rightful owner.

PE sessions will typically take place on a **Wednesday**. The children do not need to bring in a P.E. kit but can wear this in school on the day.

We appreciate your cooperation in **not allowing** the children to use the outdoor resources before and after school.

We will be using our school Instagram account **[yarmprimaryschool](https://www.instagram.com/yarmprimaryschool)** to update you on our exciting adventures this term. Please take a look at Yarm Primary's Instagram account and follow us for exciting information.

Parent's Evening will be held on Monday 19th October and Tuesday 20th October.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

COMMUNICATON, LANGUAGE, READING and WRITING

The children will take part in daily Drawing Club sessions. During the sessions the children will have the opportunity to develop their vocabulary expressive language through our oracy work. During the sessions the children will create drawings and write codes (create marks) to share their ideas.



Phonic sessions will focus on oral blending (to read) and segmenting (to spell) as well as introducing graphemes (letters) and their phonemes (sounds). Once the children have become secure with the phonics that we have covered we will move onto reading and writing simple words. We will also focus on name writing.

Later in the term, your child will bring home a reading record with a reading book weekly. To begin with, the children will receive picture books with no words to develop their storytelling skills and to support in developing their vocabulary.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

As part of 'What Makes Me a Me?' we will be thinking about how the children have changed and grown. We will be looking at the local community and the key features and how these have changed over time.



We will make simple maps to show where we live. We will also find out about people who help us. We will think about the importance of looking after our community, including recycling. We will focus on seasons and change and make links to our natural environment.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be focussing on our fine and gross motor skills in both the indoor and outdoor environment. We will focus on pencil grip and control as well as forming letters linked to our phonics work. There will be weekly PE sessions where the children will take part in Games and Dance activities. We will encourage healthy choices during Prime Time.

MATHS

In Number, we will be concentrating on matching and sorting where we will look at how objects and groups of objects are the same and different. We will look at sets of objects and practise our counting skills. The children will be encouraged to sort groups of objects in different ways focussing on a variety of attributes such as colour, size and shape. They will also order and compare different sets.



This term, we will also be focussing on numbers 0-5 ensuring the children have a deep understanding of their numbers and composition.



We will use numicon and practical resources to support understanding and make links.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

Linked to our work around 'What Makes Me a Me' we will be looking at self-portraits and exploring work by a number of artists including Picasso, Frida Kahlo and Paul Klee. During this work we will be thinking about colour where we will colour mix and explore the effects of oil pastels. We will look closely at the features of Yarn and use the construction materials to build models. We will use objects from the environment to make some seasonal art!



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be concentrating on introducing the children to the new routines and developing their confidence as they begin the new academic year in EY2. We will think about feelings and friendships as part of our Circle Time sessions.

Reception Staff

Class Teachers/Assistants

Mrs Willis and Mrs Parkes – Class Teachers
Miss Outlaw – Teaching Assistant

Release Time Cover

Mr Newton – Music Teacher
Ross & Joanna – DF Coaching Staff

