

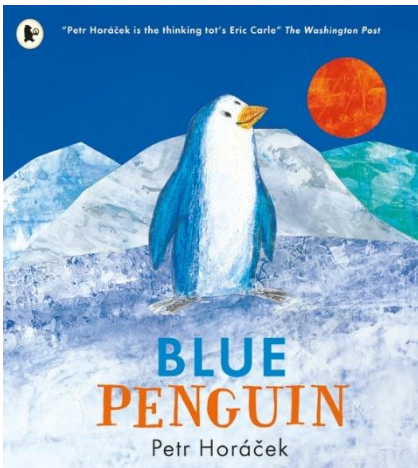
Yarm Primary Nursery SPRING NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back

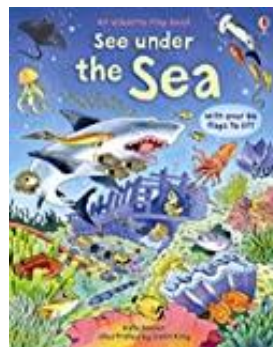
Welcome to the beginning of the Spring term!



This half term we will be learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic in our topic, 'Ice Encounters'. We will be finding out about the different animals that live in the polar regions and what the climate is like. We will include investigating habitats and talking how polar animals have adapted to live in such extreme environments. The children will become scientists and be experimenting and

learning all about ice.

After half term, we will move on to our new topic 'Under the Sea'. As part of this work, we will be looking at, and identifying the different oceans and seas around the world. We will look in to underwater exploration and compare aquatic mammals and fish.



If you have queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Willis and Mrs Parkes.

SAVE THE DATE

Half Term Monday 15th February – Friday 19st
February

Children return to school on Monday 22nd February

Re-organised visit to Leven Woods – Date TBC

Notices

A number of children have been bringing toys and items from home into school recently. Due to the current pandemic, we kindly ask that the children do not bring anything into school other than a small bag with a change of clothes in and a water bottle/packed lunch for those attending Woodlands.

During the middle of each session, the children take part in 'Snack Time' where we have a piece of fruit and a drink of water and/or milk to help address the children's physiological needs. Fruit is provided daily for your child.

Outdoor Learning

We go outside as much as possible; please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear for this purpose. PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING.

Our school twitter account is <https://twitter.coPS>

Weekly blogs are available on our school website. Here you can see what the children have been learning and what they have been up to in Nursery!

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

COMMUNICATON, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

We will continue to explore texts and illustrations, with a focus on characters, story structures, settings and predictions – encouraging the children to predict how the story might end.

We will continue to work with the children on recognising the initial sound in their name, writing their names and recognising the sounds that letters make through the small phonic sessions. We will also continue to develop listening skills and memory skills, which are vital skills for reading.

In writing, we will continue to develop fine motor skills and correct pencil grip.

We will be continuing to focus on speaking and listening skills, in particular the children's understanding of the books that we read. We will be encouraging the children to use their imagination and introduce a storyline into their play within our new role-play areas.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will be learning about animals that live in the Arctic/Antarctic regions, and how they are adapted to live in the cold. We will look at how ice is formed and explore how to make it change states. We will also be learning about the icy environments and how they compare to other countries in the world (namely the UK). The children will also have the opportunity to find out if and how people live in this climate, and what they use to build their homes.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This term we will be continuing to focus on developing physical skills using the outdoor space and we will be having fun with 'Squiggle and Wiggle' sessions to help develop our fine manipulative skills. There will be a focus on handwriting for the older children with an emphasis on pencil grip and control. We will also continue to work on gross movements through, 'Beat Baby' and 'Cosmic Yoga'.

MATHMATICS

In Maths, the children will continue their work on counting with increasing accuracy to 10, and then 20. We will be working with the children on number recognition up to 10, and experimenting with different ways to represent numbers. The children will focus on a different number each week. This learning will be supported with Numicon and other practical equipment.

We will also continue to develop the children's knowledge of shape. Particularly identifying shapes in the environment and describing 2D shape properties.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

This term the children will be working on building models and learning how to fix and fasten materials together. They will be creating pictures with different media and learning how new colours can be created by mixing colours together.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To ensure our children feel safe, happy and ready to learn, we participate in daily discussions with the children around behaviour, personal needs, feelings, sharing, being kind and what being a good friend looks like.

Nursery Staff

Class Teachers

Mrs Parkes (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
Mrs Willis (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Laughton (Mornings)
Mrs Gibson (Afternoons)