

# Yarm Primary

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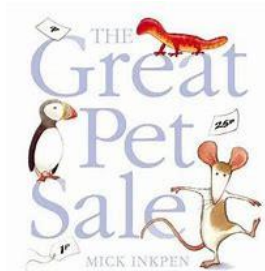
### SPRING NEWSLETTER



#### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the beginning of the Spring term. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and a lovely New Year. We would like to thank you for your kind gifts and cards last term.

This half term we will be learning all about animals and pets. We will be finding out about different animals and talking about what would make a suitable pet. We will also be looking at lifecycles, habitats and talking about animals and their young.



After half term, we will move on to our new topic 'Around the World'. As part of this work, we will be comparing the local and wider environment. We looking forward to using our 'Magic Carpet' to explore different countries of the world.



The children will be taking part in weekly Games and Dance sessions, which will normally take place on a Tuesday.

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

Mrs Barber and Mrs Parkes

#### SAVE THE DATE

Half Term Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Children return to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February

End of Term Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Notices

Homework continues to be set on Class Dojo on a Tuesday. Please contact us if you have any difficulties in accessing this.

During the morning the children take part in 'Prime Time' where we have a piece of fruit and a drink of water to help address the children's physiological needs. 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.

Please continue to return reading packets on a Monday. This supports our reading and phonics sessions in school.

PE sessions will typically take place on a Tuesday, we currently do not need PE kits in school but the children can continue to come in to school with leggings/tracksuits and trainers on.

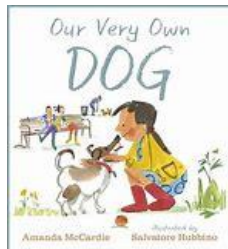
We would appreciate any donations of 'junk modelling' such as empty boxes and containers – please note that we can not accept any items which contained nuts or medication

Take a look at our school twitter account which is <https://twitter.com/YarmPS>

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

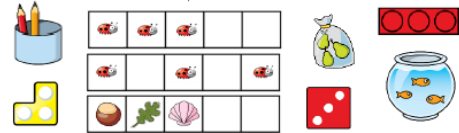
### COMMUNICATON, LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH

We will continue to focus on the children's phonic and keyword knowledge to support their reading and writing. We will be sounding out words to spell using the sounds the children know as well as focussing on spelling some of our tricky words correctly. We will be encouraging the children to write a range of genres including lists, letters and instructions. We will be focussing on using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops when writing sentences. 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.



### MATHS – Numbers and Numerical Patterns

In our Number work we will be focussing on number recognition, counting in steps of ones, twos and tens, finding 1 more and less as well as looking at basic addition and subtraction. We will also be introducing data handling and looking how to represent information in different ways.



### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

As part of our work on animals we will be looking at baby and adult animals and comparing their similarities and differences. We will be finding out about lifecycle and habitats of different animals. As part of 'Around the World' topic, we will be identifying and comparing the features of the local and wider environment. We will be identifying different countries on a map. We will be finding out about celebrations and festivals from around the world. We will be using the programmable toys to focus on direction and position work.

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In P.E. this term, we will be focussing on Games and Dance. We will be working on the skills of throwing, catching and accurately passing a ball using both our hands and feet. We will be thinking about the different ways to keep healthy and will continue to encourage healthy choices through prime time and lunchtime.

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS



We will be looking at art work linked to our animal topic and will be using 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' as a basis for our work. We will be listening to music from around the world. We will be learning new songs and using instruments to recreate the different sounds. We will be using the role-play areas to develop our story telling skills and vocabulary.

### PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our 'Caring and Responsibility' topic we will be thinking about the people around us and how they keep us safe. The children will continue to participate in weekly circle time sessions.



## Reception Staff

### Class Teachers

Mrs Barber and Mrs Parkes

### Support Staff

Mrs Gibson and Miss Outlaw

### Release Time Cover

Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Smith, DFC Coaching