

# Yarm Primary

## RECEPTION

### AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to Reception

Welcome to the beginning of the new school year. The children have made a great start to their learning at Yarm Primary and we are really pleased with how quickly they have settled.

We are looking forward to an exciting term full of fantastic learning opportunities! This half term we will be learning all about bears. We will be reading stories about bears as well as finding out about different types of bears.



After half term, we will move on to our new topic where we will be finding out about dinosaurs.

As you may be aware, we have a number of

opportunities for you to visit school next week. On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** families of Reception children are invited to the '**Reception Tea Party**' in the large hall and on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, you are invited to come into school to attend an **open evening** to share the great start the children have made to their learning this year. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

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

Mrs Barber and Miss Puttick

### SAVE THE DATE

Reception Tea Party - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
from 3:30 – 4:30

Open Evening – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 3:30 – 4:30

Christmas Performance – w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December – further details to follow

## Notices

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.

The children will be taking part in weekly PE sessions, which will normally take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Please provide your child with a PE bag containing a t-shirt, pair of shorts and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. Please write your child's name in each item of clothing.

We would be very grateful of any containers, boxes or kitchen roll tubes which you would be able to donate for us to use in our modelling area. **Please note that the containers need to be clean and we are unable to use toilet rolls, boxes which contained medication or any containers which have had nut products in them.**

Reception has a school blog which is updated regularly to show you the learning that the children have been involved in. Please take a look at the Blog section on [yarmprimaryschool.net](http://yarmprimaryschool.net) to find out more.

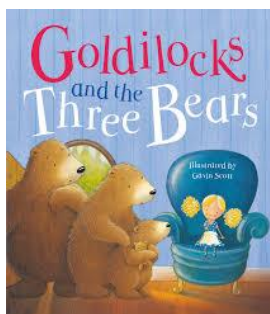
Half Term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Children return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

### LITERACY

We will be reading a variety of texts including fiction and non-fiction to support our topics of Bear and Dinosaurs. Your child will bring home a reading record with a reading book and keywords to learn to read. To begin with the children will receive picture books with no words to develop their storytelling skills. We will be using phonics to support our writing by sounding out words to spell and will be practicing writing our names.



### MATHS

We will be concentrating on counting, number recognition and ordering numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be developing the use of Numicon, a multisensory maths resource used throughout school, to support our learning. As part of our shape, space and measures work we will be learning about weight and capacity, looking at pattern and naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.



### UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will be finding out about bears from around the world and locating the different countries on a map. We will find out about and compare different dinosaurs. We will be thinking about life in the past and discussing changes caused by time.



### EXPRESSIVE ARTS

This term we will be painting self-portraits and encouraging the children to pay close attention to colour and detail. We will be using a variety of media and exploring their effects. In Music we will be exploring how sounds can be changed and recognising repeated patterns. We will be using our imagination in our role-play areas.



### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be using both the indoor and outdoor environment to develop the children's fine and gross motor skills. The children will take part in weekly Games and Athletics sessions. We will encourage healthy choices through prime time and lunchtime.

### 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 be following the SEAL topics 'New Beginnings' and 'Getting on and Falling Out' where we will be celebrating what makes us unique and exploring feelings.

## Reception Staff

### Class Teachers

Mrs Barber and Miss Puttick

### Release Time Cover

Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Parkes, DFC Coaching