

Yarm Primary

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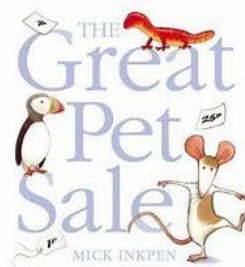
SPRING NEWSLETTER



Next 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 the 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.

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

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

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Mrs Barber and Miss Puttick

SAVE THE DATE

Half Term Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Children return to school on Monday 22nd February

Notices

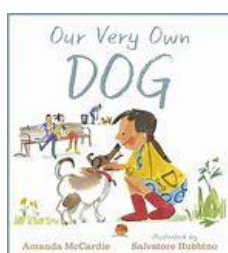
A number of children have been bringing toys and items from home into school recently. Due to the current pandemic, we kindly ask that the children do not bring anything into school other than water bottles and packed lunches.

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 for your child.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

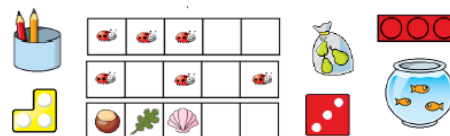
COMMUNICATON, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

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.



MATHMATICS

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.



In our shape and measures work we will be naming and describing 3D shapes as well as comparing objects by length, height and weight. 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.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

We will be looking at animal patterns as well as artwork from different countries to inspire our own creations. 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.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In P.E. this term, we will be focussing on Games. 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.

This half term we will be further developing the children's fine motor skills which will intern support their pencil grip and handwriting.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our 'Going for Goals' topic we will be encouraging the children to think about what they are good at, what it means to set a goal and how we can achieve this. After half term, we will be thinking about our feelings and how we express these. The children will continue to participate in weekly circle time sessions.



Reception Staff

Class Teachers

Mrs Barber and Miss Puttick

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Bell and Mr Cundo

Release Time Cover

Mrs Whitaker, DFC Coaching

