

Yarm Primary RECEPTION SUMMER NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back

Welcome to the beginning of the Summer term!
We are very excited to be learning about 'Castles, Dragons and Fairy-tales'.

As part of this work, we will be finding out about life in the past and comparing it to now. We will be exploring different types of castles and finding out about their different features. We will look at who lives in a castle and what castle life was like many years ago.



We look forward to sharing some traditional and new stories as part of the topic, as well as creating some of our own exciting adventures.

We have some exciting visits planned over the next couple of months and will provide further information regarding these nearer to the time.

As the term goes on we will be preparing the children for their transition into Key Stage One.

Miss Puttick is due to return to school before the May half term therefore Mrs Parkes last day teaching her class will be on Friday 26th May.

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 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Children return to school on Monday 5th June

Notices

We like to access our outdoor spaces as part of our provision within the early years. We hope that the weather continues to improve and therefore ask that you provide your child with a sun hat and sun cream as appropriate.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the children must only bring **plain still water** to drink during prime time.

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

We will be using our school twitter account [@YarmPS](https://twitter.com/YarmPS) to update you on our exciting adventures this term.

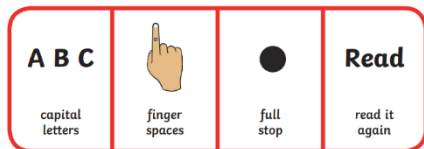
Homework will typically be set on a Tuesday on Class Dojo.



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT?

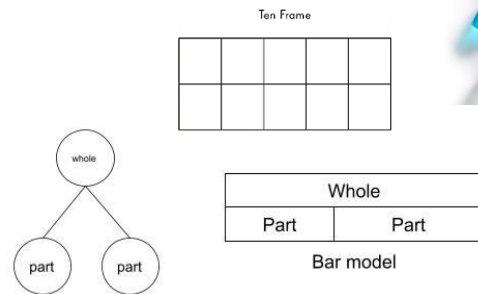
COMMUNICATON, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

We will be using our phonic and keyword knowledge to support with our reading and writing. We will be concentrating on writing sentences using our phonic knowledge to hear and represent sounds. We will also be focussing on spelling our keywords accurately. We will continue to focus on the correct use of capital letters and full stops as well as finger spaces. The children will be encouraged to write sentences independently. Handwriting will be an area of focus with the children being encouraged to form their letters correctly, on a line and to use consistent sizing. We will be writing in a range of genres including lists, letters and instructions. 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 continue to reinforce number recognition and counting. We will be focusing on the children's recall of basic number facts and knowledge of number bonds to 5/10 which will also support our work on addition and subtraction. We will be introducing pairs and doubles and exploring and representing patterns within numbers including work on odd and even numbers. Shape. Space and measures work will continue to be a focus during our session inputs and we will be naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes as well as comparing objects by length, height and weight.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

As part of 'Castles, Fairy tales and Dragons' topic we will be thinking about life in the past and comparing it to now. We will be exploring different types of castles and finding out about their different features. We will also be carrying out a number of experiments linked to our topic work. We look forward to using outside area to retell a range of traditional tales and recreate the settings from the familiar tales we will be focusing on.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

We will be using a variety of media to create artwork linked to our topic. We will continue to have weekly music sessions focussing on rhyme and rhythm. We will be learning new songs and using instruments to recreate the different sounds. We will be using the indoor and outdoor areas to retell and create our own stories. We look forward to designing and creating our own visual story maps which we will use in the different story telling areas around the classroom.



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 continue to learn how to use equipment safely and We will be thinking about the different ways to keep healthy and will continue to encourage healthy choices through prime time and lunchtime.



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our 'Healthy bodies/ healthy minds' Topic the children will be focusing on managing their own basic hygiene and personal needs, including dressing, going to the toilet and understanding the importance of healthy food choices and show some understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health. After half term, we will move on to our Coping with Change topic where we will focus on the children's transition to Year 1.



Reception Staff

Class Teachers

Mrs Barber and Mrs Parkes/Miss Puttick

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Gibson and Miss Outlaw

Release Time Cover

Mrs Whitaker, Mrs Smith/Mrs Parkes, DFC

Coaching

