



## Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term 2021

### Early Years

We are looking forward to a fun filled term full of opportunities to reach high and grow together.

Area of Development	This half term our topic is ' <u>Celebrations</u> '. We also have some themes weeks: <u>Oral Hygiene and Healthy Eating and Road Safety Week</u>
<b>Communication, Language, Reading and Writing</b>	<p>Each week, the children in Early Years will be taking part in activities associated with topic or themed week, We will be looking at the following books:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dipal's Diwali</li> <li>• Lighting a Lamp</li> <li>• Where the Poppies Now Grow</li> <li>• Topsy and Tim Have a Birthday Party</li> <li>• Spot's Birthday</li> <li>• Cars are Big and I am Small</li> <li>• My First Visit to the Dentist</li> <li>• Information Texts about Teeth and Eating</li> <li>• Not Now Bernard</li> </ul> <p>We will also continue with our daily phonics activities.</p>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<p>The children will take part in lots of number activities involving number recognition, ordering numbers, counting activities, problem solving, subitising, estimating and shape and space activities. Children will also use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, positions distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems. We will continue consolidating the children's number recognition with Ten Town on the interactive whiteboard.</p>
<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	<p>We continuously encourage the children to develop independence and key skills to help them throughout the rest of their school journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forming friendships with children</li> <li>• Sharing toys</li> <li>• Taking turns</li> <li>• Manners (saying please and thank you)</li> <li>• Managing feelings and behaviour</li> <li>• Listening to children and adults</li> <li>• Developing the confidence to talk in front of others</li> <li>• Washing hands</li> </ul>
<b>Understanding the World</b>	<p>Our Topic this term will enable the children to develop their knowledge and understanding in lots of areas including-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technology by using iPads, Interactive Whiteboards, computers and bee-bots.</li> <li>• Observing and investigating our indoor and outdoor environment.</li> <li>• We will also access a range of indoor activities that will develop the children's observation skills through games and discussion.</li> <li>• Continuing to investigate change, patterns, similarities and why things happen and how things work.</li> <li>• Know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.</li> <li>• Testing materials</li> <li>• The children will have a French lesson each week. This will be taught by Mrs. Redhead</li> </ul>
<b>Expressive Arts and Design</b>	<p>The children will sing songs and have the opportunity to compose pieces of music with instruments related to our topics, be imaginative, play cooperatively to develop and act out narratives. Paints, pastels, crayons, and other mark making materials and art equipment will be available every day for the children to use. The children will have a music lesson each week.</p>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<p>The children will use the following pieces of equipment to develop their fine motor and gross motor skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play dough and other malleable materials</li> <li>• Jigsaws, threading, finger gym activities</li> <li>• Scissors and glue</li> </ul>

- Mark making materials
- Play various playground games.
- Climbing Frame and tunnels.
- Scooters and bikes
- Obstacle courses
- Bats and balls
- Hoops and beanbags
- Wooden and plastic blocks

### Outdoor Play

As the weather is very changeable, we would like to remind parents/carers to ensure children bring appropriate clothing to school for outdoor play.

It is a good idea to send a spare set of clothes in for your child in case they get wet or dirty.

We do have some spare clothes in Early Years.

If the weather does improve, please ensure your child wears an all-day sun cream and brings a sun hat. We are unable to put sun cream on your child.

### Home Learning & Tapestry

All home learning will be sent out via email on a Friday. Please submit all home learning via the Tapestry app by the following Wednesday at the very latest. If you have trouble accessing Tapestry, please speak to a member of staff. It's important that all parents have access to this wonderful app as you will receive regular updates about your child, and it is an excellent platform for submitting home learning.

### School uniform

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform which is **clearly labelled** with your child's name. Children must wear a tie, a shirt with pointed collars, a school jumper or cardigan with the logo on, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore and plain black school shoes. Please remember there are good quality pre-loved items of uniform available from the school office.

### Early Years Fund

We are continuing to ask Early Years parents for a contribution of 50p per week. There is an envelope on the Reception classroom door and a class list. Please tick your child's name off when you have donated the 50p. They really do make a difference!

### Visits and Important Dates for your Diary

Every Tuesday afternoon we will be going on a 'Welly Walk' around the local estate. Please bring in a pair of wellies each Tuesday.

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	School opens for Autumn Term 2
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021	Individual Pupil Photos
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Remembrance Day Service in Yarm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Charity Day: Children In Need & Diabetes
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Road Safety Week & Blue for Jackson
Visit to Yarm Library	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 (Afternoon)
Visit to Yarm Church	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2021 (Afternoon)
Early Years (ONLY) Fundraising Day - Wear your Pyjamas to school Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 (Details to Follow)	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 Performance	Reception and am Nursery Christmas
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 Performance	Reception and pm Nursery Christmas
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Dinner

Visit to The Arc in Stockton

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021(Morning)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Santa Run (Friends of Layfield event)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

pm Nursery and Reception Christmas Party

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Holiday

3.30pm, School closes for Christmas

Should you have any questions or concerns about the details above, or any other matters, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Here's hoping for an exciting and productive term!

Early Years Team