



# Yew Tree Community School

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## Year 1 Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to a new half term. Please make sure that you arrive to school on time. School starts at 8:45 and we begin our learning straight away.

### English

#### Reading, phonics and writing

This term, we will be using the text 'The train ride' and 'Special delivery'. The children will be using the texts to write a non-chronological report about animals from the stories and a poster. They will be building on their skills using adjectives, full stops, capital letters and using the conjunction 'and'.

In phonics, we will continue to look at alternative graphemes for sounds that we have been learning. The children will be practising their tricky words daily. Children will continue to read 3 times a week in a small group with an adult. Children will take two books home every Friday. At home, it is expected that your child reads as often as possible to help build up their fluency. Your child will also take home a story book for you to read to them. This will help them with their story language and enjoyment.

### Maths

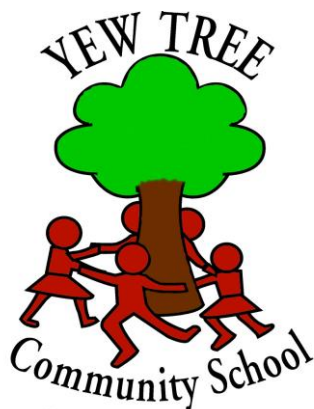
In maths, the children will begin to look at place value to 50. The children will look at comparing numbers to 50, finding 10 more & 10 less. The children will also use a number line to estimate where numbers to 50 should go. They will use concrete and pictorial representations to solve questions. They will also learn how to transfer these skills to problem solving and reasoning questions.

### History

The topic for the first three weeks of the half-term is 'How did we get around in the past?'. The children will look at different types of transport. They will also compare transport from the present day and from the past.

### Science

Our science topic will be all about 'Comparing animals'. The children will look be able to categorise the different animals into vertebrates and invertebrates. They will also categorise animals into mammals, fish, reptiles, amphibians and birds.



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## Art

Each week over this half-term, we will be developing our art skills. The children will be looking at paper skills. They will look at making models, using paper to make 3D models and making observational drawings.

## P.E

P.E is on a **Wednesday and Thursday.**

Please ensure your child has the correct kit (yellow polo shirt and black shorts/jogging bottoms/leggings) including footwear (trainers/pumps). Some of our lessons this half-term are outside so jogging bottoms or leggings would be more suitable. Pupils without the correct kit will not be able to take part on health and safety grounds.

**Please put your child's name on everything so that it does not get lost!**

## Homework

Homework will be **set every Friday.**

It will be required by the next Friday. The children will have a weekly phonics homework looking at what they have learnt that week and a maths homework that develops their understanding from that week. It is important that the children read their phonics book frequently. Please sign the yellow book and return your child's book bag weekly.

## Trips for the remainder of the year

In Summer 2, the children will be going to Blackpool Zoo to build on their knowledge from this half term. In Summer 2, the children will go to R.H.S Bridgewater as part of our plant's topic.

A separate letter will follow with more information about the two trips.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us after school,

The Year 1 team