# Westfield Primary Community School



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### Key Stage 1 Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children return after half-term. Even the sun has come out on a few occasions and it is really beginning to feel like Spring term!

## **Spring 1 Highlights**

We finished our Spring 1 topic "A City Scorched" with a visit from the local fire brigade. Blue Watch explained the role of a modern firefighter and showed us their fire engine and the equipment they use. Mr Taylor also came into school and recreated The Great Fire of London using the houses that we constructed in our Design and Technology lessons. We watched from the safety of the classroom as Mr Taylor demonstrated how the fire spread and also explained the importance of the River Thames in preventing the fire from spreading.



#### **Down the Tracks**

This term we are starting a new topic called Down the Tracks. Your child should already have brought home a knowledge organiser to give you an overview of what we will be learning. Down the Tracks is a local history study about the importance of the railways in York. We will be finding out about significant historical figures, how trains move and also designing and building our own moving vehicles!

#### **Reading at Home**

Thank you to so many of you who are reading regularly with your child at home. It has an incredibly positive impact on your child's learning and really helps to create a love of reading. Five minutes each evening is a great way to get into a routine. This term we would like to encourage as many children as possible to read with an adult at home. Thank you for your support with this.

Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times, please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



#### **Marvellous Me**

If you are not already receiving updates from Marvellous Me, please speak to your child's teacher to get a login code. Teachers will send activities, badges and messages via this platform so it is the best way to stay

updated about what is happening in your child's class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Miss Holmes Key Stage 1 Phase Lead