



Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

Open morning was a great success and the visiting families commented on our wonderful facilities, marvellous Year 2s and fantastic guides. Thanks to those children who helped and a number of new families are returning to see our school later this term. It has been extremely busy this week as we have been hosting courses for Early Excellence. We are a partnership school and it has given a number of our staff the opportunity to attend sessions including "From Mark Making to Writing" and "Developing Young Mathematicians in the EYFS." Thank you to Wendy our Catering Manager for looking after our guests so well. I was very fortunate to teach in Mrs Sawyer's class so that she could attend, I was so impressed. The Reception children listened beautifully, had lovely manners at all times and tried to be as independent as possible when getting changed for PE. Getting dressed and undressed when you are little can be challenging and they persevered with their tiny buttons, ties and jumpers. The children were also working hard with reading and writing and approached phonics with determination and enthusiasm, which are such positive attributes. The Nursery children have loved their PE lessons with Mr Simpson and I wonder whether they can remember their favourite song on his playlist? Year 1 have been practising litter picking in preparation for their beach day and Year 2 enjoyed searching for 2d shapes in the garden. Do have a restful and relaxing weekend, whatever you may be doing.

Warmest Wishes,

Joanne Speight



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Shape Searching

Year 2 have been learning about 2D shapes and their properties. We took advantage of the autumn sunshine and searched the Pre Prep Garden for shape riddles with a partner. We learnt lots of new vocabulary to help our search which included: vertices, straight, curved, sides and equal.



I'll put a spell on you!

Inspired by the potions we prepared at Ormesby Hall, we created our own potions this week. We were able to take a closer look at the bubbles made by the chemical reaction and our imaginations began to work thinking of which ingredients we might add!

"I smell crushed bones." Rory

"The red is bat's blood. We need a lot of that!" Emma

"This is a green colour. It's kind of funny like slime. I need some yellow now." Dara

"This is snake's venom." Andres

"And I am putting in the crushed bones." Austin



Riddles me this

Year 1 have been busy creating riddles in Science this week. The children worked in pairs, choosing an everyday material to describe. They thought hard about the properties of the materials they chose. Can you answer any of these?

"I am hard, I sound like music, I am dark, I can stir a potion, What am I?"

"You can put things inside me, I am fat and scrunchy, What am I?"

"I am heavy, I am strong, I am hard, I have dark bits, What am I?"

"I can be used to put things into, I am see through, What am I?"



Busy Bees

As always, there has been a hive of activity in Nursery. From being builders in the sandpit to mark marking and number recognition, the children have been busy all week long. After a hard day's work, there are often many areas to tidy. We have been so impressed with their tidy up skills, lots of practice is certainly paying off!





Uniform Shop opening hours - October Half Term

Tuesday 22nd October—1pm till 4pm

Thursday 24th October—1pm till 4pm

Tuesday 29th October—1pm till 4pm

Thursday 31st October—1pm till 4pm

Gymnastic Club Cancellation

There will be no Gymnastics Club on Friday 18th October. End of term extras bills will reflect this cancellation.

Uniform (worn by all):

Blazer – navy blue with red piping, burgundy V-neck sweater, school quilted coat (school pattern only), scarf/hat (optional school pattern only). Black sensible shoes should be worn by boys and girls (no heels for girls)

Boys: Pale blue shirt, long or short sleeved with tie (School design). Grey shorts or trousers (from October half-term until February half-term) with Uniform Shop socks – grey with stripe.

Girls: White blouse (school pattern only) with a red tartan skirt. Grey tights or socks with matching hair accessories.

from late Spring/Summer/early Autumn Term: Summer dress (school design) with short white socks (plain, no frills or sport socks) and sandals – plain black or blue.

The Uniform Shop is open every day except Friday during term time from 1pm – 5pm and at published times during holidays. The Uniform Shop is open occasionally on Saturdays and accepts cash, card or cheque payments. These details are published on a regular basis in the Phoenix Flier.

After School Care Contact

Please note the phone number for after school care: **01642 792584**. It would help us enormously, if you are running late after 5pm, that you could contact this number to let us know your estimated time of arrival.



Looking Forward



Tuesday 15th October

Year 1 Beach Clean at Redcar

Thursday 17th October

Pre-Prep Halloween Disco

Nursery & Reception 3.30pm till 4.30pm

Year 1 & Year 2 3.30pm till 5pm

Friday 18th October

Half-term begins (after school)

After school care as normal

Monday 4th November

Pupils return to school

School Menus

Our school menus are published termly on the website. These can be found at: www.yarmschool.org/parent-portal-all should you wish to discuss these with your child/children.

The menus can also be found on year group notice boards around the school.

