



# Little Phoenix



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**Mrs Speight's message ...**

It has been an extremely busy week in Pre-Prep. The children have enjoyed French in Year 2, a scientific eggs-periment in Year 1, counting to ten in many different ways in Reception and playing outside in the fine weather in Nursery. Despite the uncertain times ahead, the children have been a pleasure to be with, enjoyed their learning and most importantly had great fun at school. Personally, I would like to thank the children, colleagues and you for the support you have given us this week. We shall endeavour to do our best to educate our children, albeit in a different way. As you are aware, children are extremely resilient and I know that they will rise to the challenge of remote learning. Please read Mr Sawyer's message below. I look forward to keeping in touch, please do not hesitate to send an email if you have any queries to [jsp@yarmschool.org](mailto:jsp@yarmschool.org)

Warmest wishes,

*Joanne Speight*



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**A message from Mr Sawyer ...**

It is at times of unprecedented challenge that nations, communities and individuals are really tested. I have never been prouder to be working with colleagues to lead our School Community through the uncertain times ahead. I am confident that we are stronger together and I pledge that we will continue to do our best for every boy and girl over the next few weeks to support their ongoing education. I have been inspired by your words of encouragement and I thank you for acknowledging our efforts. The pupils have been exceptional at adapting to a new way of working. I hope as a generation they will look back on this period as a time when they were able to deepen their understanding of compassion, resourcefulness and responsibility by the way we, as their parents and educators, helped them make sense of the world. I look forward, like us all, to healthier times, to firm handshakes and warm greetings. Until then, I wish you and your loved ones well and look forward to staying in touch.

*W.E.C. →*

## Nous sommes les auteurs de l'avenir!

In French, we have been practising our language skills by creating a book entitled "Tout Sur Moi" or "All About Me." We now know lots of French vocabulary including ma famille, ma couleur préférée and mon émission préféré. Can you translate these French words into English?



## Fun in the sun

Nursery have had a great time, bringing a smile to everyone's faces. They have been busy preparing cards for Mother's Day and have enjoyed the lovely, sunny weather.



## Different ways to make ten

The Reception children have continued to explore different ways to make ten. We have thoroughly enjoyed our new ten-pin skittles set, counting how many we knocked down and using this to work out how many we had left. The children worked collaboratively to organise their own games and used their initiative to decide how to record their scores. They even shared the skittles into two five-pin games so that more children got an opportunity to play. We have also been looking at how we can use an abacus to represent number bonds to ten and recording this on a part-whole model. I wonder whether the children can draw a part whole model for their at home?



## Egg Drop challenge!

Year 1 took part in an Egg Drop Challenge in science. They had to complete their own test, seeing which material would work best to protect the egg. The children made some wonderful predictions of what would happen. We decided that bubble wrap and paper seemed to work the best. We are looking forward to carrying out more testing next week. What an egg-citing task!





### YPSSC Pre-loved Uniform

Need school uniform? YPSSC have plenty of pre-loved stock with all money raised going back to the children through YPSSC events. Simply order online and collect the next day from Pre-Prep reception area.

<https://tinyurl.com/y2yfwmy8>

The uniform shop are beginning to prepare for the new academic year. This year automatic appointments will be offered to the following; pupils moving from Nursery to Pre Prep School, pupils moving from Pre Prep to Prep School and pupils who are new to the School.

Any parents who need an appointment should call the uniform shop on 01642 792588 where Carolan will be happy to help.

### The sun has got his hat on!

