



The Phoenix Flier

(and The Little Phoenix)

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The Yarm Preparatory School Newsletter

A message from Mr Sawyer

As the contents of this newsletter attune to, our pupils continue to be creative and adapt to the challenges of learning remotely or in different environments around school. It is wonderful to see that despite the complexities of the situation we face that our boys and girls embrace what is before them with a positive frame of mind. At this time, dealing constructively with what is in front of us in the spirit of acceptance and opportunity is so key for us all. This is a community wide effort, involving members of staff and parents, and my sincerest thanks go to all of you for helping our pupils stay focused and engage so effectively.

Next week sees us launch into our global explorers themed week. Each class across the school will be delving into a wide tapestry of cultures, traditions and experiences from across the globe. I wish everyone well in their learning adventures and know that whilst we can't travel too far in body at present, we can certainly allow our minds to explore what is out there. After all, with the right mindset and spirit we can go anywhere.

Bill Sawyer

Head's Challenge What can travel through the world on a corner?

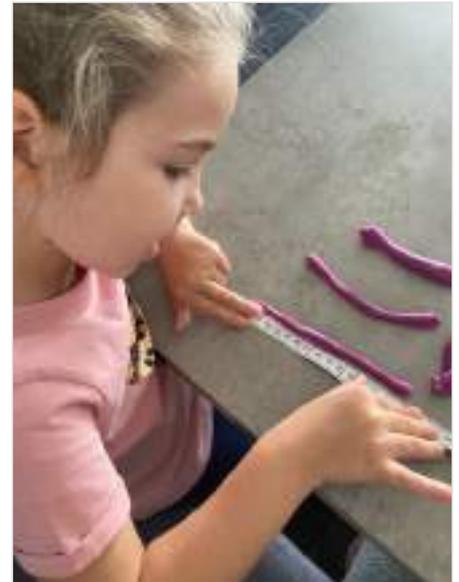
Photo of the Week Some beautiful artwork this week from Siri in Year 6.



Remote learning this week

Reception

Inspired by the interesting non-fiction book Yucky Worms, our Reception children have become worm experts. We have enjoyed finding out just how helpful these wiggly creatures are for our garden and all the good work that they do. Making and measuring playdough worms was a lot of fun, as was making huge paper chain worms and using string worms to paint. A week learning about worms would not be complete without reading 'Super worm'; we are all agreed worms (and the Reception children) really are super! With all the rain we have had this week, I wonder who can find some worms in the garden this weekend?



Year 4

Year 4 have been taking the classroom outside this week, conducting all sorts of fascinating maths investigations! On top of that there is also some lovely creative writing to celebrate and some work on the Romans.



As you can see in the picture, you can measure the height of a tree by bending over at a 45 degree angle. This only works if you can bend and see the top of the tree and if you measure the distance from you to the tree.

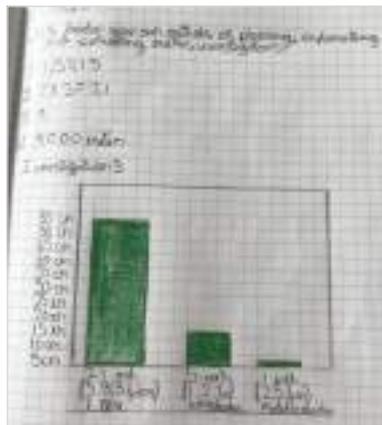


Roman chariot



Design Brief:

My design was different from a Roman chariot because of the engine on the back and the man in the middle. I noticed on the video that the rider was standing on the back of the chariot so I thought that if I put the man in the middle of the chariot there would be less risk of him falling off. The engine was because I wanted it to look cool, sadly it actually doesn't work! The light weight material makes it the fastest chariot on the track.



The sky changed to orange and then red, and the sun rose gloriously in the bright blue sky, as an alarm for call for the animals in the African veld. When the scorching sun rose, the animals started to liver up.

*it was rocky and spiky, hard and dry, the animals played on the rough veld. The sun was a ball of fire, as fiercely hot as a furnace. No crops grow here, it was as dry as a dessert. The towering, leafless tree stood like a lifeless statue.



Dear Diary

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From Emily

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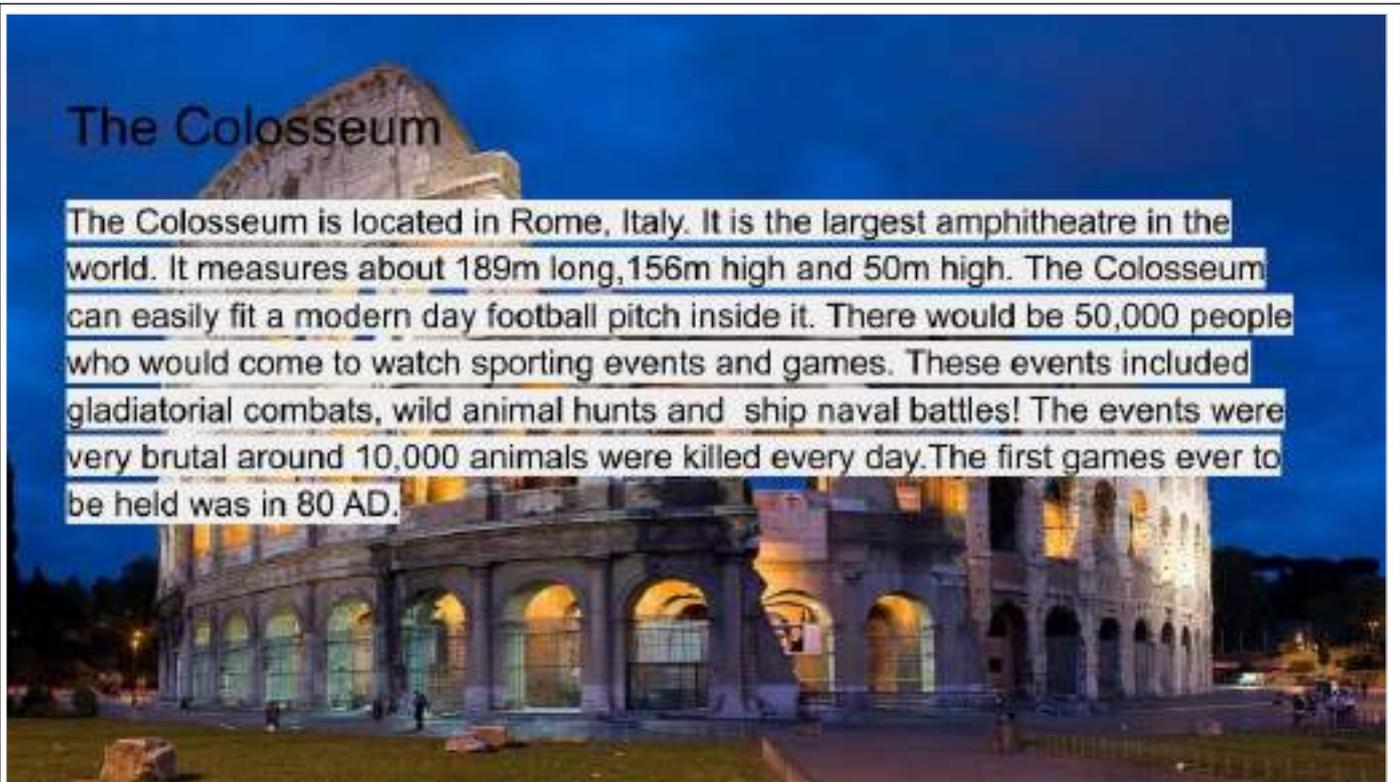
From Emily

What is Shavuot?

Shavuot is a Jewish holiday celebrated on the sixth or the Hebrew month of Sivan. It falls around May or the fifty days after the pasover. Also known as the Festival of Weeks, Shavuot celebrates the day when God gave the Torah to Moses at Mount Sinai. It is a tradition to eat dairy foods on Shavuot such as cheesecake, blintzes (pancakes) and kugels (baked pudding or casserole). I decided to make some Strawberry Cheesecakes.

Ingredients

- 2 box digestive biscuits
- 100g butter, melted
- 200g full fat greek cheese
- 100g icing sugar
- 250ml greek yogurt
- cream
- halved strawberries

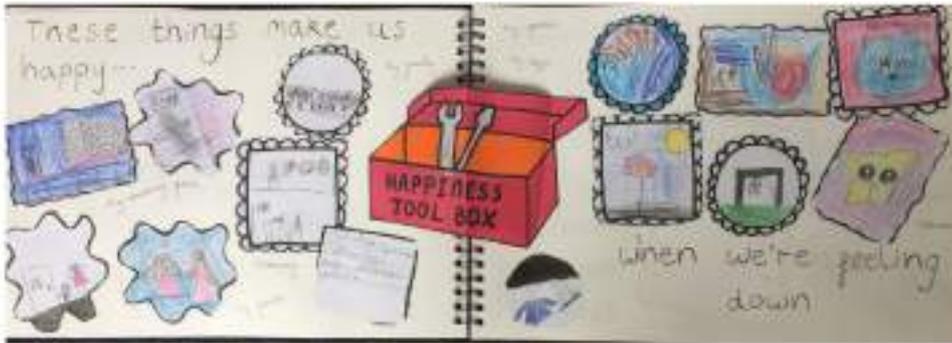


Year 1

What a fascinating week it has been, learning about animals that live in the Polar regions of the world. The boys and girls have also been busy making snowy owl pictures, fact files and 3D polar bears. We have written some wonderful descriptions, which led to some brilliant polar bear poems being created. Well done, Year 1!



In Year 1 bubble D, we have been thinking about what makes us happy when we're feeling down. We called these 'happiness tools' and we put them into our 'happiness toolbox'. Some of our ideas included snuggling in our dressing gowns and playing in the garden.



We have also been thinking about what we are like on the inside. Some of us were happy, some of us were bright and others were creative. We drew pictures to show these things.



Robert Falcon Scott

Date of birth: 6 June 1868
 Date of death: 29 March 1912
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 A picture of Robert Falcon Scott
 Interesting Fact
 He was a polar explorer
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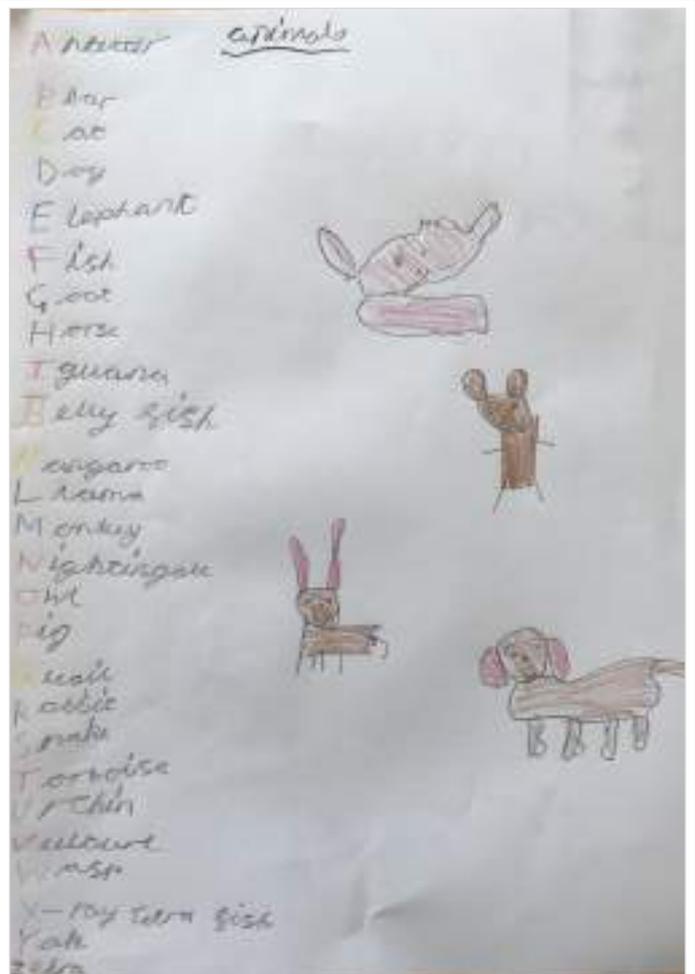
Year 2

Some quite brilliant number work this week from the Year 2 children. See if you can find your favourite animal on the animal alphabets too.



Digital Leaders

Congratulations to Mustafa E-S. and Charlie Be. In Year 6, who have been awarded their Digital Leader badges.



Year 6

Reflections on the first day back are explored in our round-up of work from Year 6 this week. We also have some stunning artwork from Siri and some tips on how to make elderflower cordial and fundraising amongst other things!

First day back emotions

When I found out I had the chance to go back to school I was very excited. I was telling all my friends and they could see I really missed

school! Until Monday night, I was just laying in bed thinking how amazing school would be . Suddenly all the negatives of going to school came flooding in. I was very upset not knowing who was in my bubble and whether I going to like them. Who was my teacher? I was just panicking! It was very strange when I saw all the differences between school and how school is now! I was scared but the special newsletter helped me . When I think about how scared I was now I just laugh!

Now, I feel so much better how everyone is social distancing and being able to speak to someone! I feel like I can have fun yet be social distancing. It's not that bad. I am very happy with my bubble because I have made friends with everyone. I really like my teacher. I cannot wait for normal classes but I still really enjoy the remote learning and everything else we are doing. I was very confused about hand washing a lot but it is not that bad.

Carmen H.



Embedded clauses

The green alien, who was from mars, ate spaghetti.

In the Pacific Ocean, which is very big, many dolphins live.

Tomorrow, which will be Saturday, we'll play guitar.

The rainbow, which formed because it rained, shone over the garden.

Fran, who was very hungry, wanted to eat all of the bananas.

Mohammed, who was the striker, demanded the football from the midfielder.

The horse, which was very young, galloped towards the fence.

In Spain, which is very sunny, you can visit lovely beaches.

The Headmistress, who was very strict, spoke in assembly.

Jude C.



How I made my Elderflower cordial.

Step 1: Pick the flowers

When picking elderflowers you need to pick the ones that are in full bloom and not partially in bloom - collect them in a bowl or any sort of container. Maybe refrain from picking ones beside the road.

Step 2: The syrup

Before making the cordial you first need to make the syrup. The rule is, "One kilogram of sugar to 1 litre of water for 20 heads". You first need to get a large pot and then pour the water and the sugar into it. You need the sugar to dilute into the water before adding your elderflower heads. Be sure to wash the heads and cut off the stalks.

Meanwhile, wash and cut limes (or lemons) into quarters. When the flowers have wilted, that is when you take the pot off the heat and pour it into a large bowl. Add the limes to the mixture so it isn't too sweet. Use clingfilm to cover it. Leave it in a cool place for it to marinate for a couple of days.

Step 3: The cordial

Once the time is up, add three tablespoons of the syrup into a glass (with the flower buds) and add some water so as to dilute the sugaryness.

Please support Gracie's fundraising!

Whilst we are in lockdown I am going to a fundraising activity, raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. I will be doing around 15 tasks under 3 categories: Sport, arts and crafts and then singing, dancing and acting. For example in the sport one there is long and short distance running and mostly netball, in the arty one there is painting and sketching and then in the singing, dancing and acting one there is well singing, acting and dancing. I have chosen lots of challenges that I have never really tried before, I have not finished collecting donations yet from my family, but so far I have will have raised £225 (if I complete all the challenges). I am beginning my challenges on Saturday the 23rd of May and will be finished by the end of June at the latest. Please wish me luck!

Gracie R-H.

Nursery

The children in Nursery had a great time being creative with cardboard boxes this week. They created 'Monster Tunnels', using scissors, felt pens and googly eyes. The children then used these to play a game trying to roll balls into the monster mouths!



Reports

All year groups will be receiving a summer term report towards the end of the term.

It will detail recent progress and summarise each child's efforts this academic year.

Mrs Pawluk



Alfred The Great

Date of birth : 849 AD

Date of death : 26 th October 899 AD

Place of birth : Wantage

Age when died : 50

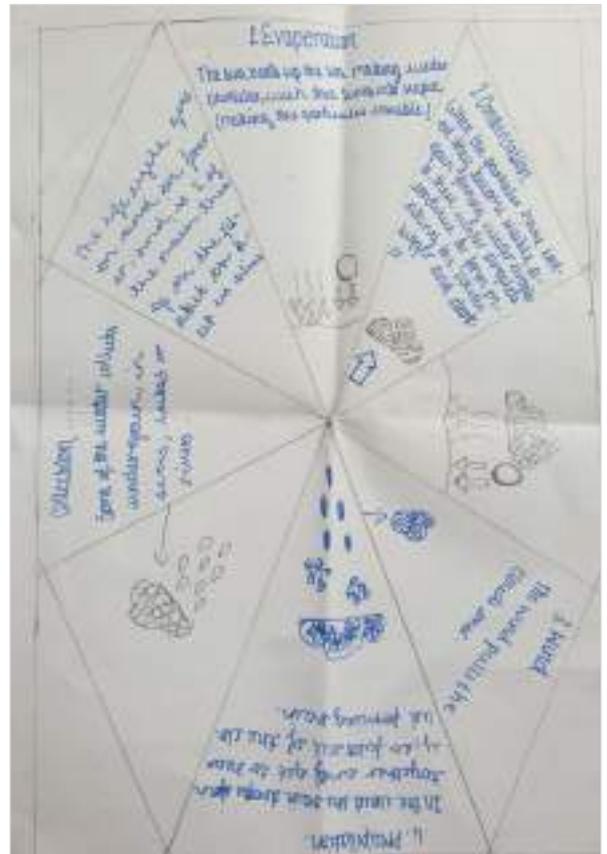
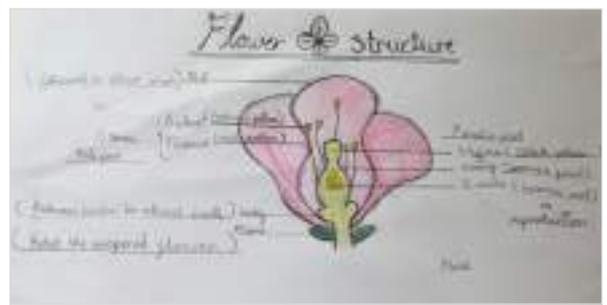
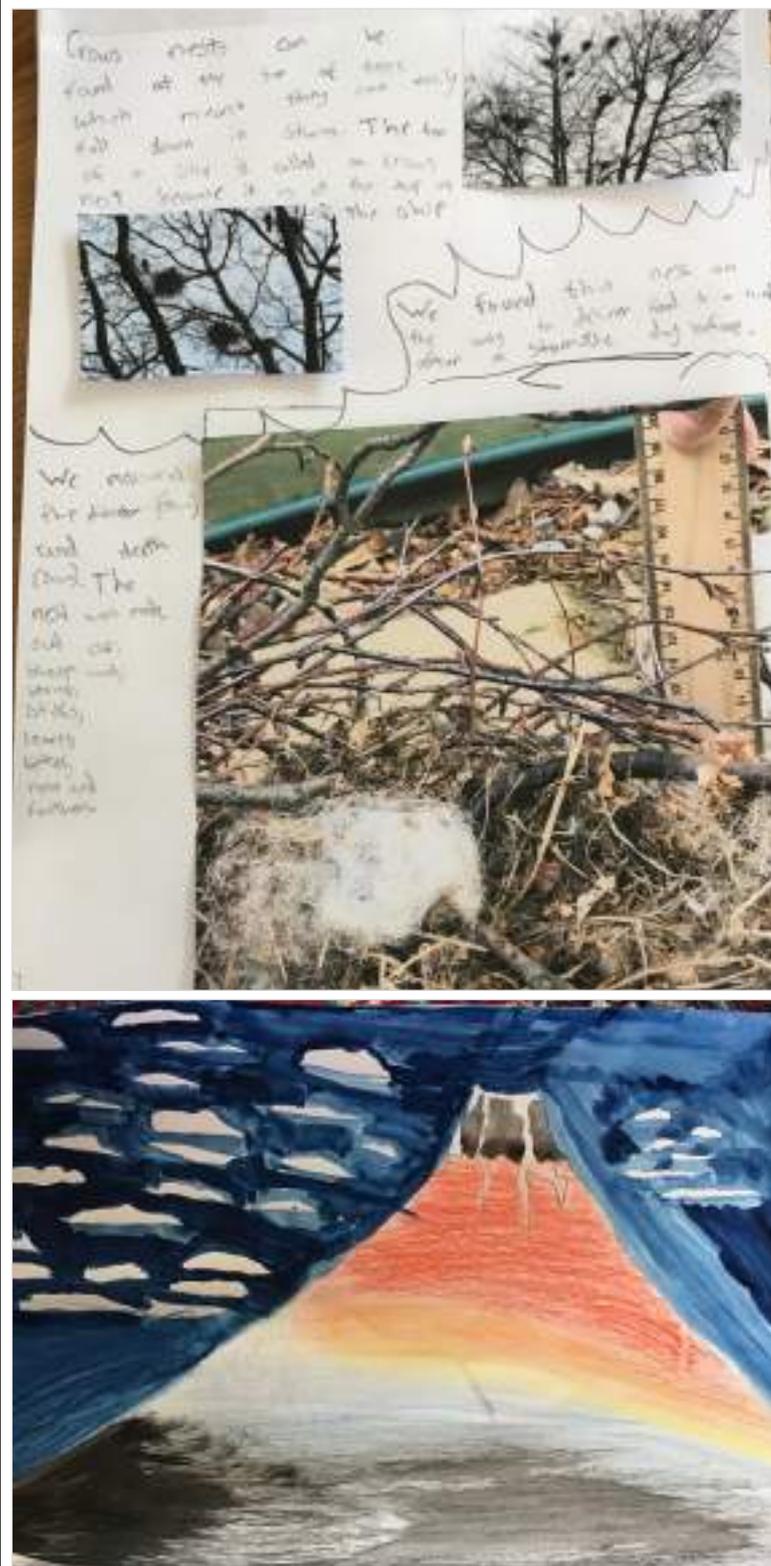
Fathers name : Ethelwulf

Mothers name: Osburh



Year 3

A humanities theme throughout Year 3 this week, with the children exploring Alfred the Great, as well as the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. Well done on some terrific work again, Year 3!



Chess News

If you are looking to keep your chess game sharp in the holidays, there are a series of challenges and activities available on the CSC website, run by Mr Marsh. You can find these by clicking on the link here:

<https://www.chessinschools.co.uk/chess-at-home>

Have fun!

Summer Holiday Supervision

For many years our teaching and support staff have offered an action packed Summer Holiday School for a three week period during the holiday period. Unfortunately this year due to restrictions in place as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak we are severely limited as to what we can offer. We are sadly unable to use school transport as we normally would due to social distancing and many of the venues we would normally visit are closed at this present time.

We are mindful that some parents rely on Holiday School for childcare during the holiday periods. We will therefore offer school based childcare for two weeks between Monday 20th July and Friday 31st July to support our working families. This will be charged at a slightly discounted daily rate to cover staffing and resource costs and will be confirmed in the booking form which will be sent out over the coming days. Places will have to be limited due to social distancing requirements and priority will be given to Key Workers. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

PE and Games News

My favourite sporting moment—Being the mascot at a Middlesbrough game

It was Christmas Day when I got the letter, the announcement, the big moment. Then 1 day later I grabbed my shirt and arrived early at the stadium and as I walked in I felt the chance of a lifetime. First I went to meet the organiser and the 2nd mascot too! His name was Archie and he was pretty nice! Next we went to the changing rooms to meet all the players before the game and I completed all of my signature collection!

Just before the big moment I was allowed to sit on the manager's chair! Then it came the moment I had waited for a while. I held George Friend's hand and walked onto the pitch. A couple of people knew me already for charity reasons anyway I stepped on and kicked the ball and felt so alive shaking Adam Reaches hand!

Then soon enough it was over but I knew I had a great time.

Noah C.



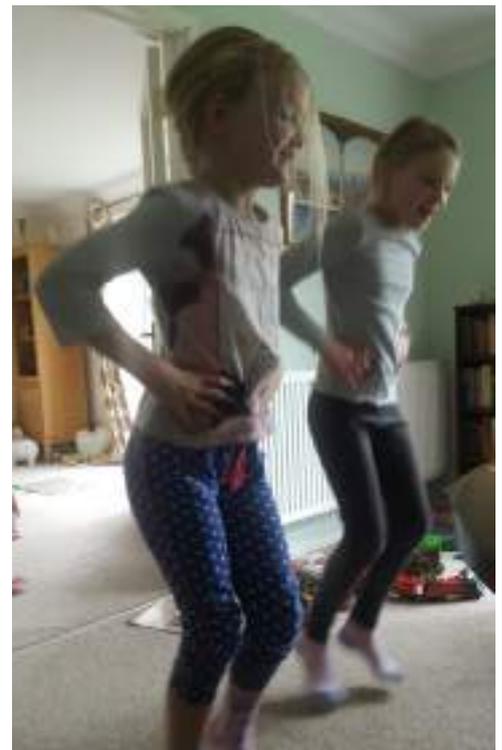
When I was 10 I entered the hanging stone leap half marathon. It's a fell race and is in Guisborough and the North York Moors



I was the first person under eighteen to finish the race. It was the furthest I've ever ran. The reason the first half marathon I ran wasn't road is because I don't like road runs I prefer trail and fell.



Because of coronavirus I hope to do the Lyke Wake walk with just my dad.



We would love to see some more of your healthy selfies, especially as it has been **National Bike Week** this week. If you have been participating in any sport during lockdown, whether it is cycling, running, boxing or tiddlywinks, please share a picture with Mrs Redhead-Sweeney or Mr Underwood for inclusion in the Flier.

Homework Menu Yoga



DT this week

Year 5 have been designing shelters for Michael, the main character in *Kensuke's Kingdom* this week, while Edie in Year 4 has made a delightful bug hotel that looks five star!

I thought long and hard about the design because what I wanted was something that could have easily been dismissed for a natural structure but then I also wanted something that brought modern architecture to life, so this was obviously going to be a challenge. I imagined what Michael's forested part of the island looked like; really, really dense so I could use that to my advantage as you will later see...

My first thought was a den on the floor that had only half of the roof done so then it would shelter the owner from the rain and wind but then I thought 'What about the animals?' For all we know, there could be panthers stalking the night. So then I came to the conclusion of a different type of treehouse.. My idea was like the scene in Star Wars where the Dark Side battle the Rebellion with AT-AT Walkers but they win because they are the good guys on a planet called Kashyyyk, with the mini Chewbacca's who live in treehouses.

The plan was to have mini circular tree houses like theirs, all connected to one big tree using plank bridges with rope banisters. Each mini tree house would have a different purpose. For example one might be the storage, one might be the kitchen and so on. There would be a walkway going all the way around the trunk of the main tree and a ladder that would be in line with the bedroom tree house. This is not only highly effective, to stay away from big cats and predators, but it is also my dream house as it is probably the same with a few other people as well.

So that is my design for Michael's den/tree house. I'm sorry I could not make it a reality at home because I am at school today and it would probably take half a year to make, especially having to gather all the resources.

Sam L.

The roof

I would use some large leaves from the tropical trees to keep the water out of my shelter. I wouldn't be able to nail anything as that would let the rain water through, soaking the inside. Instead I would use palm fronds weaved together using



only the materials themselves, making my shelter waterproof.

The structure

I would use the trees to make a good strong structure for my shelter. I would bind these together and use an axe to make holes for the wood to sit in so it wouldn't fall apart.

The base

I would use nice round logs all the same length for the base of my shack. I would put these down in a firm position so they could not move. I would also notch the other timbers for extra support. I would cover the logs over with sand to protect my feet and also make the logs more secure.

Inside my shack

I would like to sleep in a hammock in my shack. I would like to be off the floor in case of any spiders or insects during the night. I would make it nice and comfortable, using the fibres from some coconuts to make it soft. I would use some large palm fronds, like those on the roof, to keep the fibres in my hammock making it extra cosy and warm if need be.

Oscar L.



Prep Bacallaureate

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Well done to the following children, who have all either completed or nearly completed their Yarm Prep Bacallaureate booklets. Some of their projects can be seen over the next pages of the Flier.

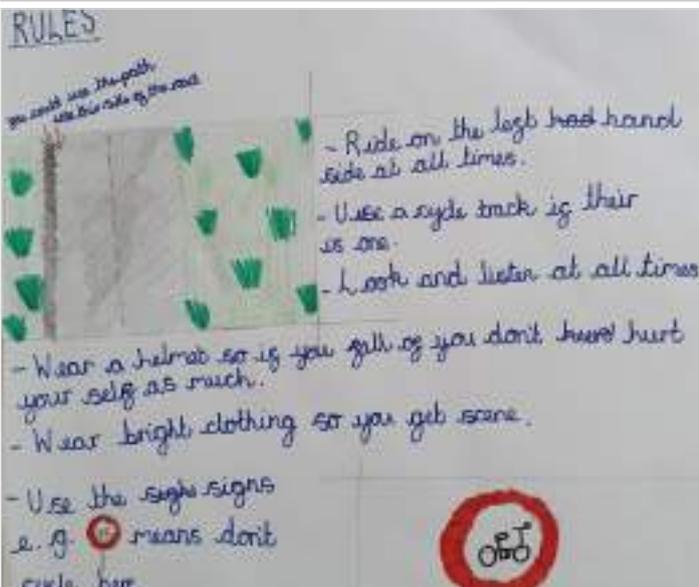
Year 3: Dora B., James C., Thomas F., Annabelle A.

Year 4: Katie C., Ewan G., Emily E.

Year 6: Noah V.

These children will receive their Prep Bacallaureate badges very soon.

Mr Stone



AMBITIOUS



INTRODUCTION

I'm a Cub Scout and I thought it would be good to work towards earning some more badges during lockdown.

ZOOM MEETINGS

The 27th Middlebrough Scout group have been holding online meetings with Zoom and helping us achieve our Cleveland Indoor Challenge Badge 2020.

VIRTUAL CAMP

Virtual camp took place on the 25 - 26th May 2020. There were online opening and closing ceremonies and a virtual campfire where we sang songs. We could also earn badges I earned these ones...

Environmental Speech

Renewable energy use at a 'Green' Hotel

29.5.20

I went to Spain in October and we stayed in an Eco-Hotel called El Geco Verde, it is in the mountains in Andalucia. The company that we booked the hotel with was called Responsible Travel and to be part of this the Hotel has to do things that are environmentally friendly.



This is a picture of an almond shell.

Almonds and olives grow on trees around the hotel, the shells and stones from olives, are made into pellets, these are put into the stove to burn and keep the guests warm in the evenings.



Ambitious project

Virtual Reality

I first learned to use virtual reality in 2018 when I received a Google cardboard holder. It was amazing! I could travel the world without the long, boring flights. It was easy and free; you didn't need any transport to get you to Machu Picchu or the Himalayas, even The Great Barrier Reef in five minutes.

At the beginning of this year I was ecstatic to hear that the school had purchased a state of the art VR kit. I could finally start to share the amazing joy of VR. When I did my first session on Open Morning I was overjoyed. We started off with a conundrum - the wifi was not working so we only had 13 of 20 sets working so we had to make do. We started off with a World festivals, then we changed to the Amazon river (Mr Sawyer came in). It was not the best quality so we stuck with World festivals as Mr Simpson knew a lot about it. It was a brilliant hit. My next session was on Friday 6 March which was about circuits to 4P and Mrs Shepherd. The only problem was that the original tour that I was going to do wasn't downloaded, so we had to go with one that was already on the Ipad. This went down a smash as well. Later we discovered we forgot to turn on the Wifi so that was why the session wouldn't work.



The VR kit is a state of the art kit which is simple to use. It is amazing that it is only a phone in a plastic frame, but when you turn it on you can hear everyone agog even though they are still in the library. There has been challenges like the ones above, but I have learned from them and I am looking forward to learning more in the future.



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Online Safety

As you know, Yarm School subscribes to Parent Zone's Digital Schools Membership programme, recognising our commitment to keeping our pupils safer online and making sure we work with you to achieve this.

Our Digital Schools membership gives you FREE access to Parent Zone's Parent Lounge with:

- Online training.
- Expert advice and information on all things digital.
- Access to a free help service for all your tech questions.

For more information on how to join the Parent Zone Parent Lounge, go to the **Online Safety Guidance for Parents** section of our Parent Portal. You will also find helpful advice and guidance on another of other key online safety matters which is, while we are still under lockdown restrictions, vital.

Mr Stone

Ben North's Staircase challenge

1265 stairs = 12 and up my chair

I wanted to raise money for charity so I decided to raise money for Zoe's Place. I decided to do a challenge. We thought that climbing Ben North by climbing my staircase 672 times would be good.

On Friday 17 May I started climbing the stairs at 7:00 am. It took me 12 hours to do it. I had lots of friends (cousins and grandparents) to help me go up.

I have really loved doing it and every day can't wait to do the days later.

I raised... £794

I Dr 32!

Ward 32

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The drawing shows a person with a heart, lungs, and a head, next to a van with a cross on it.

The answer to the Head's Challenge from last week was: History

Good Work Celebration

Our focus on good work and school values every Friday is continuing, with Mr Sawyer and Mrs Speight posting a Friday celebration assembly every Friday (available via Prep Google Classrooms and the Pre-Prep remote learning website). We will post the weekly recipients of the awards, on the back page, as we usually do at the Prep!

Form	Child	Child
N	Hannah M.	India B.
RG	Gonzalo V.	Takashi Y.
RS	Freddie W.	Aditi K.
1H	Alice W.	Jack A.
1P	Isobel F.	Olivia C.
2D	Ronav G.	Eric PF.
2J	Will B.	Miles P.
3A	Matthew R.	Miguel RM.
3D	Emma A.	Marawan S.
4C	Jake D.	Will F.
4J	Zara W.	Felicia J.
4P	Katie C.	Emma S.
5L	Minu P-M.	Myles B.
5N	Spencer H.	Eliash W.
5P	Luca S.	Rosie W.
6B	Sienna S.	Patrick W.
6G	Tanveer T.	Siri P.
6H	Frankie P.	Isobel M.

A message to Pre-Prep from Mrs Speight

I do hope you have enjoyed your learning, I have been interested to hear all about Polar Bears and am very proud of your work.

Your attitude to your studies should be commended. I know many of you won't know what this word means but I would like you to find out. You can do this independently if you are able to or your Mummy and Daddy can help.

As always, your enthusiasm continues to shine through, well done. I would also like to thank your Mummies and Daddies with their help with your remote learning, please give them a 'marshmallow' clap!

Have a wonderful weekend, I hope the weather warms up a little.

Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight

