



# Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

Walking through Pre-Prep this morning filled me with tremendous pride. Our children are so happy and eager to tell me whatever they are doing! The Nursery children were enjoying their music lesson and tip-toeing through to our Studio Hall. The Reception children have enjoyed making lanterns and drawing moons. Mr Davies has shown his hidden talent in the Floorbook where he loves to paint. The children of both Reception and Year 1 were particularly impressed with his painting of a cherry blossom tree. Our Year 1 children incorporated maths into their English lesson whilst learning about the sequencing of the days of the week and finding out the ordinal number of October. Meanwhile the children in Year 2 have been busy learning about their bodies, I was most impressed with their knowledge of their anatomy. We have a feeling some members of their family work in the medical profession!

The children and teachers are extremely excited about the forthcoming Halloween Day in Pre-Prep. This will be a non-uniform day where the children can wear their costumes and participate in many 'spook-tacular' events. Many thanks to the Yarm Preparatory School Social Committee who are supporting this by funding the party food in the afternoon.

Enjoy your weekend, I wonder if anyone will be conker collecting?!

Warmest wishes,

*Jeanne Speight*

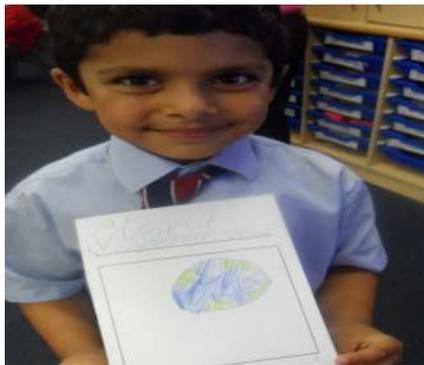


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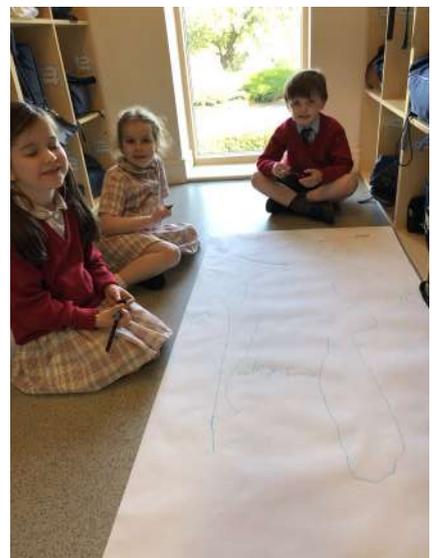
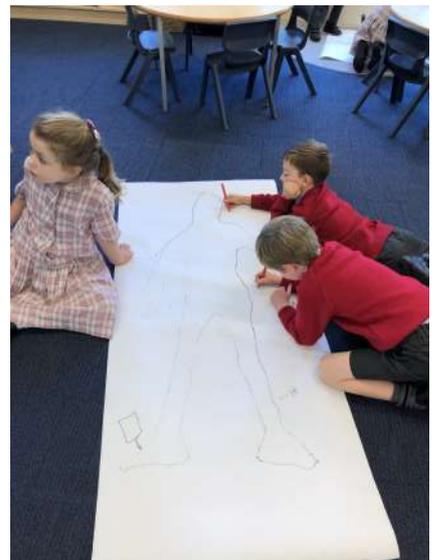
## Alien Invasion

There was lots of excitement in Year 1 when we discovered we had been invaded by aliens! Both 1H and 1P were amazed to find letters which had been sent from outer space. The sender had asked the children to complete a mission. Their task was to tell these aliens all about our wonderful planet. We mind mapped our ideas in the Floorbook, made information booklets about our world and even described and sorted materials that you find on our planet. Super work, Year 1!



## Anatomy and Physiology

We are continuing to read our inspirational book, 'Here We Are' and the latest couple of pages resulted in a wonderful cross curricular lesson which entailed drawing around each other on large pieces of paper and then labelling body parts. There was a wide variation of opinion as to where the lungs, heart and brain were located as well as some interesting shapes and sizes of these vital organs. However, we thoroughly enjoyed working collaboratively and had great fun completing this activity.



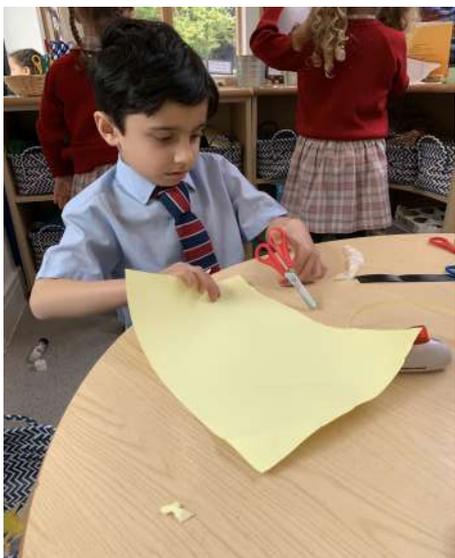
## Out and About, Moving and Grooving!

The Nursery children have been talking about all the activities we can do outside. We have loved listening to all the noises in the garden; the birds tweeting, traffic outside, the crunching leaves and even the wind blowing. The children have also been exploring different ways of moving both in the garden and in PE. Whilst in the garden, the children have been running and using scarves to explore their movements. In PE, they have been moving like animals and even demonstrated how to move like hedgehogs and penguins.



## Chinese Celebration

The Reception classrooms were alive with colour as the children celebrated the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. This celebration of the moon dates back over 3,000 years and this year coincides with China's national day. After listening to facts about the festival, the children discussed the similarities and differences between celebrations they have at home and the Mid-Autumn Festival. They then went on to create some moon cakes in the playdough, traditional Chinese lanterns in the studio area and did some role playing too.





### **October Holiday Supervision**

In order to assist with the planning of the October Holiday Supervision, we are inviting parents to express their interest in places for their child/ren.

The dates of the supervision are as follows: Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October. The booking application form for attendance for the week can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/aCgYX9Sja4aEBCaH7>.

The cost of places are £25 per child per day. Payment will only be accepted once places have been confirmed by me via email and will be taken via BACS only. Please note that the supervision will only be open to Pre-Prep and Prep School children.

The timings for the days will remain as usual from 8am to 5pm. At present no timetable will be sent out, as the activities will be based at school and will be dependent on the weather. All that we ask is that children attend in sports kit. An email will be sent out if any specific clothing/equipment is required.

The deadline for applications is 3pm on Monday 5th October. If there are any changes to your plans at any time, please contact

[cis@yarmschool.org](mailto:cis@yarmschool.org).

*Mr Simpson*

### **Holiday School Dates**

#### **October Holiday School 2020**

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd October

#### **No Christmas Holiday School 2020**

Please note: Due to the late finish of the Autumn Term (Friday, 18th December) and the timing of the annual closure of school for Christmas (Wednesday 23rd December), there will be NO Christmas Holiday School this year.

#### **Easter Holiday School 2021**

Monday 29th March—Thursday 1st April

#### **Summer Holiday School 2021**

Monday 12th—Friday 30th July

### **2020/2021 Term Dates**

#### **Autumn Term, 2020**

½ term begins - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (after school)

Pupils return - Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Finish - Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (after school)

#### **Spring Term, 2021**

Pupils return - Monday, 4th January 2021

½ term begins - Thursday, 11th February 2021 (after school)

Pupils return - Monday, 22nd February 2021

Finish - Friday, 26th March 2021 (after school)

#### **Summer Term, 2021**

Pupils return - Thursday, 15th April 2021

Bank Holiday - Monday, 3rd May 2021

½ term begins - Thursday, 27th May 2021 (after school)

Pupils return - Monday, 7th June 2021

Finish - Friday, 2nd July 2021 (12 noon)

### **After School Care Pick Up**

When arriving to collect your child from After School Care please ring the bell and state your child's name/s and their form which will assist the staff members on duty. Thank you for your support.