



Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

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Safety Week started with the most wonderful assembly by Katie from the Dogs Trust. Katie and 'Marshall' were very helpful and educated us all by explaining what to do if we should happen to meet a dog when out walking. I wonder whether the children can remember the 3 things they should do? Well done; ask the owner if the dog is friendly? Stand still, let the dog have a sniff and then stroke the dog on the shoulder. Our volunteers were marvellous with Marshall, the cuddly toy dalmation and enjoyed several role play scenarios. Our first trip of the year went out and the Year 2 children really were blessed with the weather. They had a superb trip to Harlow Carr and have produced the most amazing recounts of their day out. The Year 1 children have been learning about greater than and less than in maths, can they remember what happens to the crocodile? Pre-Prep is looking fabulous for our Open Morning visitors tomorrow, many thanks to the team for making sure it looks at its very best. Have a lovely weekend and let's hope the weather holds so that we can enjoy time out in the fresh air. I can't believe it is October next Friday, time really does fly and before we know, it will be half term!

Jeanne Speight



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Woodland Adventure

There was lots of excitement in the Year 1 classrooms as we put on our waterproofs and wellies for our first trip down to the woods! We set off on our adventure and enjoyed exploring, scavenging and building. The children found all sorts of different creatures and plants and were amazed by how different the woods looked now as autumn is creeping in. As we begin our history work, we started to think about what the big, old horse chestnut tree at the Senior School might have seen over the years. Together, we measured the circumference of the tree and we shall be estimating its age in our maths lessons. How old do you think it might be?



Harlow Carr

Year 2 had their first outing to Harlow Carr, near Harrogate. The children were incredibly excited to travel there on a coach, which was quickly surpassed by the AMAZING treetop treehouse. Once inside, we were treated to the splendid views of beautifully manicured gardens and enchanting woodland walks. Janet, our knowledgeable RHS guide, delivered an inspiring art workshop incorporating observational drawings, leaf rubbings and collage collecting. A highlight for many were the beehives and watching the bees travelling to and fro. We can't wait for our next school adventure...



Super Sorting

In Nursery, we have been thinking about how we can sort objects into different groups. The children were encouraged to think of their own sorting rules in Family Groups. Some children sorted things by colour, size or texture, other children thought about the materials they were made from and thought about how the animals were different or the same. The children had many super ideas, well done!



P.E. Fun and Games

The children in Reception have been learning about the importance of team work during their P.E. lessons. After warming up their bodies with hops, skips and jumps, the children played a game of 'stuck in the mud'. This fast-paced classic challenges the children's ability to observe their surroundings, co-operate and change direction quickly. Most importantly, it is a lot of fun!





Gymnastics Friday 15th October—Cancelled

Please note that the gymnastics class for Year 2 will be cancelled on Friday 15th October. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Morrisons It's Good to Grow



When shopping at Morrisons you can earn Grow Tokens to help the pre-prep get free gardening equipment! For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token. Download the Morrisons app today to start collecting tokens.

Autumn Holiday School

Autumn holiday school will run from Monday 18th October to Friday 22nd October. The cost of the places are £35 per child and places are limited, so early booking is essential.

To book please use the following link: <https://forms.gle/ZHLYMBbGnQHTNLA18>

The deadline for applications is 3pm on Friday 1st October. If there are any changes to your plans at any time, please contact holidayschool@yarmschool.org.

Please note the prep school trips for Monday and Wednesday are already fully booked.

Calendar 2021-2022

Autumn Term, 2021	
INSET 1	Tuesday, 31 st Aug 2021
INSET 2	Wednesday, 1 st September 2021
Pupils return	Thursday, 2 nd September 2021
½ term begins	Friday, 15 th October 2021 (after school)
Pupils return	Monday, 1 st November 2021
Finish	Friday, 17 th December 2021 (after school)
Spring Term, 2022	
Pupils return	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
½ term begins	Thursday, 17 th February 2022 (after school)
INSET 3	Friday, 18 th February 2022
Pupils return	Monday, 28 th February 2022
Finish	Friday, 1 st April 2022 (after school)
Summer Term, 2022	
Pupils return	Monday 25 th April 2022
Bank Holiday	Monday, 2 nd May 2022
½ term begins	Thursday, 26 th May 2022 (after school)
INSET 4	Friday, 27 th May 2022
Pupils return	Monday, 6 th June 2022
Finish	Thursday 7 th July 2022 (12 noon, finish)