



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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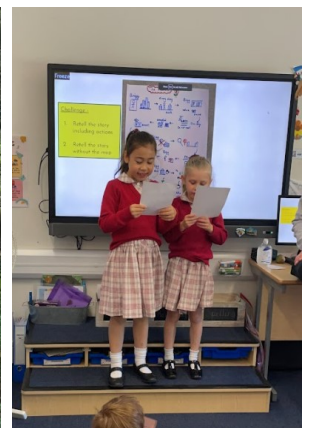
8th October 2021

The weather at the beginning of the week was particularly wet, however, the Nursery and Reception children donned their wellies and enjoyed splashing in the puddles and getting me wet! I wonder whether they can remember who had the biggest splash? Fortunately, the weather brightened up for the Reception children's visit to Ormesby Hall on Wednesday and they had the most wonderful time exploring this National Trust property on our doorstep. As the sun shone, our Year 2 children took advantage of the autumnal warmth and moved their English lesson to the garden. They used the drama technique of hot seating to ask the character Brigg many questions. There were some super answers, great actors and this bodes well for a fabulous nativity. Please make a note of the dates in your diary, it promises to be spectacular! Our Year 1 children also had a most memorable day as they visited Foxglove Covert and upon their return they were truly inspired to create some fantastic descriptive writing. I am sure the children will be able to share many of the adjectives they used with you. Have a super weekend whatever you may be doing and let's hope that the weather affords us the opportunity to get out in the fresh air. Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight



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Splish, Splash, Splosh!

We have embraced the weather in Nursery. It has been a great chance for the children to learn how to put on wellies, coats and waterproofs independently. They have been splashing in puddles, colour mixing with powder paint and transporting water in a variety of ways. As the rain fell more we needed to create dens for shelter.



Ormesby Hall

The sun was shining during Reception's trip to Ormesby Hall and the children took full advantage of the wonderful weather. After exploring this historical house, it was time to enjoy the wonders the gardens and grounds had to offer. A natural play area was the perfect place for the children to have fun and play co-operatively. There was even time for a stage show and game of croquet!



Nature detectives at Foxglove Covert

The Year 1 children used all of their senses on Monday to make the most of our trip to the beautiful woodland at Foxglove Covert. We were intrigued by the feel of the rough bark and soft moss, the fragrance of the silver pine trees, the sight of the changing leaves and the sound of the wind rustling in the reeds. There were new skills too - solving a water dam puzzle and pond dipping to find out who lives in the waterways. A special woodland adventure.



The Flower

Year 2 have been studying *The Flower* by John Light. The text is a thought provoking tale of a world without any flowers or plants, until Brigg discovers a pack of hidden seeds. We started the week retelling the story using a text map. The children were tasked with using actions and intonation to deliver their retelling to the rest of the group. The children loved retelling the tale, so we took cameras to the woods to capture images of the things we could see growing. We loved being photographers and enjoyed sharing snaps back in the classroom with everyone. Afterwards, we wrote question sentences to ask Brigg during a hot seating lesson, showing mature curiosity and intrigue. We can't wait to see where the text takes us next.



Terrific School Trips!





BOOSTER CUSHION theatre for children

The fantastic Booster Cushion Theatre Company will be giving a performance of A Christmas Carol at Darlington Library on Saturday 18th December. There will be two showings — at 11am and 2pm. For more information please contact Darlington Library directly.

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.

Dates For Your Diary

- Year 2 phonics stay and play** - 2nd November
- Reception phonics stay and play** -9th November
- Year 1 phonics stay and play** -11th November
- Bring someone to Nursery** - 17th November
- Christmas Craft Fair** - 20th November
- Parents Evening** - 29th & 30th November
- Year 1 & 2 Nativity** - 1st December
- Nursery & Reception Nativity** - 7th & 8th December

Calendar 2022/2023

Autumn Term, 2022

- Preparation Day Tuesday, 30th August 2022
- New Pupil Induction Day Wednesday, 31st August 2022
- All pupils return Thursday, 1st September 2022
- ½ term begins Friday, 14th October 2022 (after school)
- Pupils return Monday, 31st October 2022
- Finish Wednesday, 14th December 2022 (after school)

Spring Term, 2023

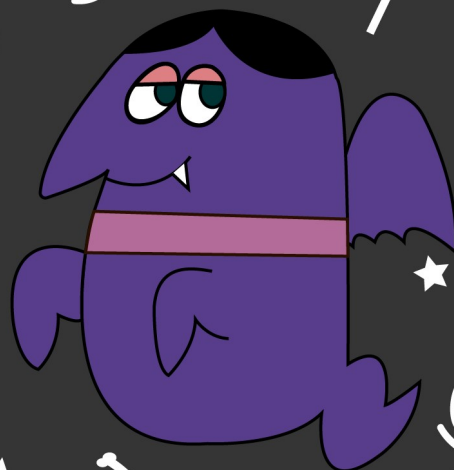
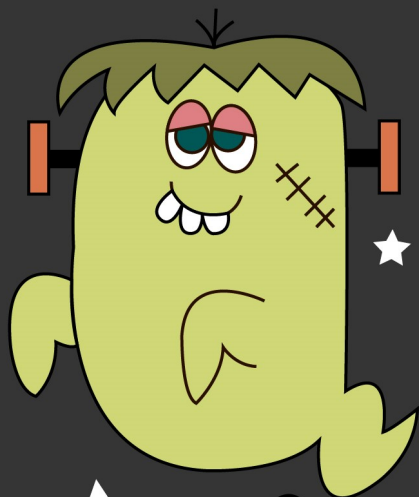
- Pupils return Thursday, 5th January 2023
- ½ term begins Thursday, 16th February 2023 (after school)
- INSET 1 Friday, 17th February 2023
- Pupils return Monday, 27th February 2023
- Finish Friday, 31st March 2023 (after school)

Summer Term, 2023

- Pupils return Thursday, 20th April 2023
- Bank Holiday Monday, 1st May 2023
- ½ term begins Thursday, 25th May 2023 (after school)
- INSET 2 Friday, 26th May 2023
- Pupils return Monday, 5th June 2023
- Finish Friday, 7th July 2023

PRE-PREP HALLOWEEN DISCO

TRICK OR TREAT



THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER

**2.00-3.30PM: •NURSERY & RECEPTION - PRE PREP STUDIO HALL
•YEAR ONE & YEAR TWO - PREP SPORTS HALL**

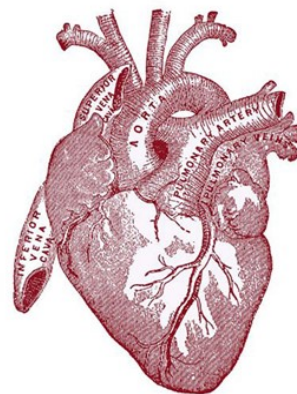
YPSSC WILL PROVIDE HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS & FUND A TREAT FOR THE CHILDREN

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WILL BE A NON-UNIFORM DAY AND CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR COSTUME

CHILDREN SHOULD BE COLLECTED FROM THEIR USUAL PICK-UP LOCATIONS AT 3.30PM

(AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND CLUBS WILL RUN AS NORMAL)





Art Competition

To be featured in a charity calendar

The theme is:

**What do you
think makes a
good heart?**

There will be a winner
from each year,
appearing on one page
of the 2022 calendar

**Open to all year
groups.**

This brilliant competition is a great way for you to be super creative and make something really exciting! Painting, drawing, photography... give it a go!

Now for the important stuff:
Please create your work on an A4, landscape piece of paper. Write your name, year and your class on the BACK of your work.

**Please submit your
work to Mrs
Shepherd or Mrs
Symington by 11th
October.**



**GOOD
LUCK
and enjoy!**

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