

The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

#### Year 2's message ...

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In Nursery the children have been getting ready for Halloween. They were playing with the googly eyes and skeletons and picking out wiggly worms from their pumpkins. They have really enjoyed singing 'Big, Red Combine Harvester' and were very excited to dress up for our Halloween party. The Reception children have been learning new letters and forming numbers. They enjoyed finding out what Dogger got up to in the story and had lots of fun making spooky spider toast. They really enjoyed building cars with their friends and playing in the construction area. The Year 1 children were making some spooky creations in art and doing some beautiful handwriting. They have also been learning about fact families in maths and describing witches with adjectives. Their favourite part of the week was creating their own spells and potions! In Year 2 we have been learning about First Aid. We had to practise doing chest compressions on little Anne and we even had to put our friends in the recovery position. We had some auditions for our Christmas nativity play which we are very excited about. We thoroughly enjoyed our Halloween Disco - we all looked spook-tacular!

The Year 2 Children

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## Spooky Toast Cafe

The Reception children have had a 'spooktacular' week as they prepared to celebrate Halloween. As well as lots of Halloween crafts and activities, the children enjoyed creating clay monsters in the woods using natural materials. The traditional Wednesday 'toast cafe' had a spooky twist as the children created spider toast. The children counted carefully to ensure each spider had the correct number of legs. A Halloween disco was the perfect end to the week and the children enjoyed dressing up and taking to the catwalk for a fashion show!



#### **Happy Halloween**

There has been much excitement in Nursery in anticipation of the Halloween party. The children have been exploring pumpkins, scooping up spooky spaghetti, dressing up, building haunted houses and singing songs about pumpkins. On Thursday, they were incredibly excited to come into school dressed in their Halloween costumes. We played party games and had a wonderful time. We hope you have a super half term holiday.



#### <u>Year 2</u>

As part of our 'Into The Woods' topic we have been identifying trees. We were intrigued by the wide variety of trees and used an identification wheel from the Woodland Trust to help us. We also made use of an app and discovered an ancient gingko biloba tree in the Senior School grounds. As this species originated from prehistoric times we were inspired to investigate fossilised remains from 270 years ago.

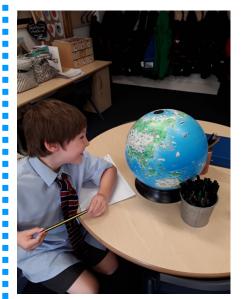


### Hansel and Gretel

Our rainbow challenges have been inspired by the story of 'Hansel and Gretel' and, of course, the Halloween celebrations. Highlights have included creating a witch's cave, spell writing, and sculpting clay cauldrons. We have applied many of our new skills to complete our tasks.















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### Fang-tastic Halloween Party!















