



# Little Phoenix



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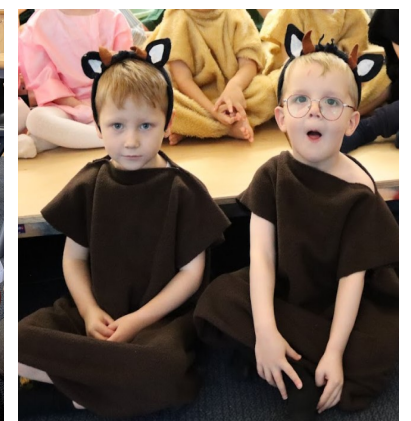
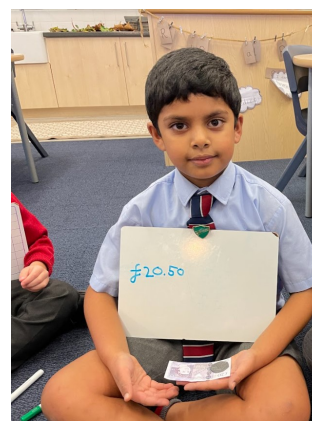
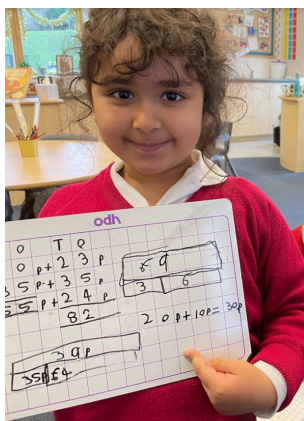
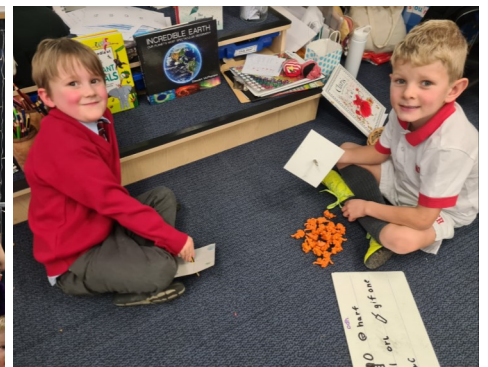
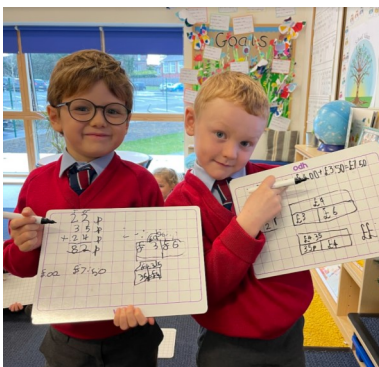
Mrs Speight's message ...

Christmas magic continued this week, with the EYFS Nativity performance. The children were good at singing their songs and saying their lines. The guest narrators from Year 2 had to do most of the speaking parts, but the ones performed by Reception were delivered amazingly well. Afterwards, we were treated to some angelic singing of some Christmas classics, such as 'When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney' and 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. Elsewhere in Pre-Prep, there has been glitter and Christmas fun galore. Year 1 have enjoyed learning about number bonds to 10 and glittery crafts. Year 2 created some natural wreaths in the woods to decorate their classrooms. We can not wait for the Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper day next week. We hope you have a super weekend.

Written by Sophia and Felix (Year 2)



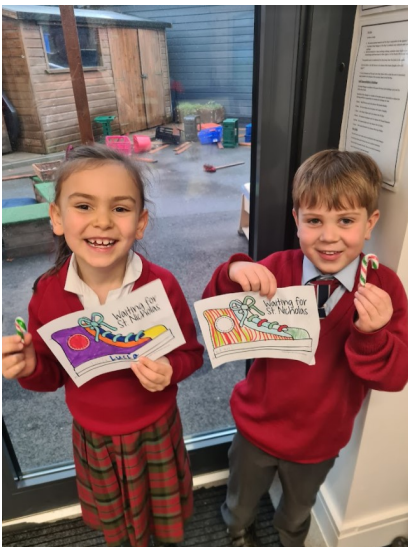
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## Celebrations and Traditions

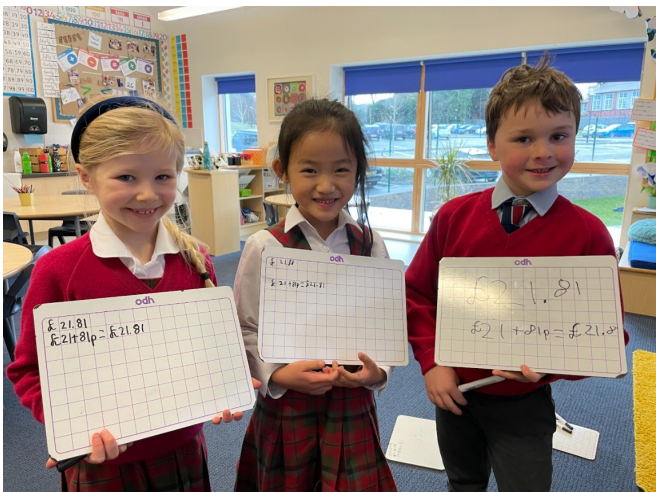
It has been a week of exploring different traditions at this special time of the year. The children are excited by their 'Open a Door to Kindness' advent calendar which sees them take turns to be the kindness elf and wear the special elfie socks! Look out for little acts of kindness between now and the end of term. St Nicholas visited on the 6th December, leaving a treat in the shoes which they made in French. The children have also been learning about Hanukkah and enthusiastically made their own dreidel games, one of the most famous traditions. It has been wonderful to see them embrace such a variety of traditions; the start of their journey as global citizens.





## Christmas Shop

What a week in Year 2! We have been writing letters to Santa and have been busy creating Christmas crafts. We looked at the features of a letter in English and then wrote our own using adjectives and conjunctions to make them more interesting. We started our week in maths learning how to find totals using money. We created a Year 2 Christmas shop, where the children had to buy objects using the correct coins. To support this, Year 2 are enjoying a Friday Toast Café where they buy toast and choose their favourite topping. Why not try and continue the fun at home by creating your own festive shop?





### Away In A Manger

It was lights, camera, action as the children in Reception took to the stage to perform The Nativity for their parents this week. The children sang beautifully as they showcased no fewer than twelve Christmas classics! They set a fantastic example to the Nursery children with whom they had the privilege of sharing the stage. The Christmas spirit is certainly alive and well in EYFS!





## Nativity Performance

We are so proud of all of the Nursery children for their performances in the EYFS Nativity. There were many songs to learn and they sang them beautifully. Thank you to all parents and family members who were able to come and watch, such precious memories!





## EYFS Nativity





## Christmas Campaign 2021

This Christmas we have teamed up with Yarm Wellness to help provide Christmas dinner for families in our local area. Over four days in between Christmas and New Year children from throughout the Stockton borough, who are supported with free school meals, will be provided with activities and a daily nutritious hot meal at Billingham Forum. This has been created by the Department for Education, HAF Fund (Holiday, Activities and Food) campaigned for by Marcus Rashford.

It is our hope, with your kind support, to provide as many of these families with a small hamper towards their Christmas dinner. If you feel you are able to support this charitable effort please see below the requested items for each class.

Tinned Carrots ( <b>Nursery</b> ) Tinned Peas (Reception - <b>RD</b> ) Tinned Potatoes (Reception - <b>RS</b> ) Gravy Granules (Year 1 - <b>1S</b> ) Stuffing Mix (Year 1 - <b>1N</b> ) Christmas Pudding (any size) (Year 2 - <b>2B</b> ) Mince Pies (Year 2 - <b>2P</b> ) Custard (Year 3 - <b>3R</b> )	Any tinned meats (Year 3 - <b>3B &amp; 3W</b> ) Hot Chocolate (Year 4 - <b>4W</b> ) Selection Boxes (Year 4 - <b>4J &amp; 4N</b> ) Christmas Crackers (Year 5 - <b>5W</b> ) Biscuits (Year 5 - <b>5K &amp; 5H</b> ) Chocolate (Year 6 - <b>6G</b> ) Sweet treats (Year 6 - <b>6P &amp; 6L</b> )
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The collection will begin on Monday 13th December and end on Wednesday 15th December. Please send your items in with your child and they will be stored in class.

The children will then organise the hamper bags and deliver them to our donation points in time for collection on the last day of term.

As always, thank you in advance for your kind support and generosity this Christmas.







### Polite Reminder

Please note that there is not any After School Care on Friday 17th December. All children should be collected by 3.30pm.

There will be staggered collection times to help ease congestion.

Nursery - collect between 3.00pm and 3.30pm

Reception - collect at 3.15pm

Year 1 - collect at 3.20pm

Year 2 - collect at 3.30pm



### Charity Calendars

Our beautiful calendar in aid of the South Cleveland Heart Fund is now on sale! It features stunning artwork from Yarm School pupils for every month, and it's even got reminders of our term dates to keep you on track next year. A fabulous Christmas present for parents, grandparents and friends, these are guaranteed to go quickly so grab your copies as soon as you can.

**Pricing is as follows; 1 calendar- £10, 2 calendars- £15, 3 calendars- £25, 4 calendars- £30 (cash only).**

If you wish to purchase one please send the money into school in an envelope with your child's name and class on it, and they will bring them home from school with them.



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### Reindeer Run—Thursday 16th December

After the huge success of last year's Reindeer Run, all children from Nursery to Y6 will once again be putting on their antlers to raise money for Teesside Hospice.

If you would like to sponsor the children for this great cause, please kindly follow the link below. Please feel free to share the link with any family or friends who may also wish to sponsor the children.

[Click here to donate!](#)

