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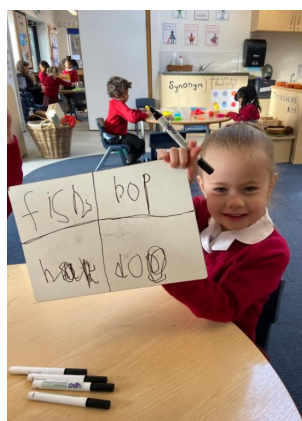
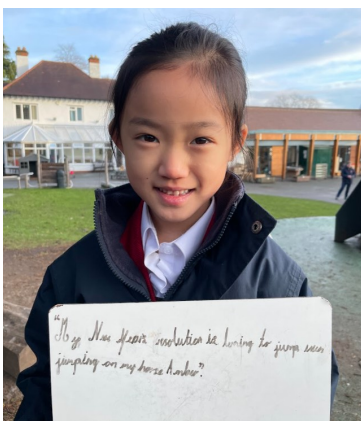
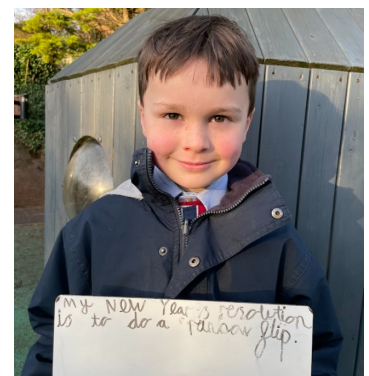
**Mrs Speight's message ...**

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to Pre-Prep and Nursery. I do hope you spent time during the festive break with family and friends. Since our return to school, it has been lovely to hear the children recount their tales of meeting cousins, going out for dinner and of course excited chatter about the presents they received. Apparently, some children even had elves delivering their presents with great gusto! The children were delighted to see one another and I do believe they are glad to be back at school, ready for another fun filled term of learning. In Nursery, there are many new children beginning their Yarm School journey and some of these children are younger siblings of children throughout Pre-Prep. I was so proud to observe our Reception children look after their little sisters and brothers these last couple of days and the Pre-Prep mantra 'Think of others' was certainly extremely evident! You will be receiving termly booklets next week and I would ask you to take time to read these documents please as they contain useful information about the coming term. Further to reading these, should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to or email a member of the teaching team. Warmest wishes,

*Joanne Speight*

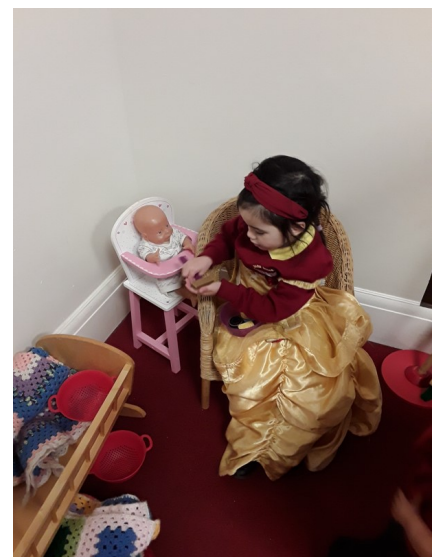


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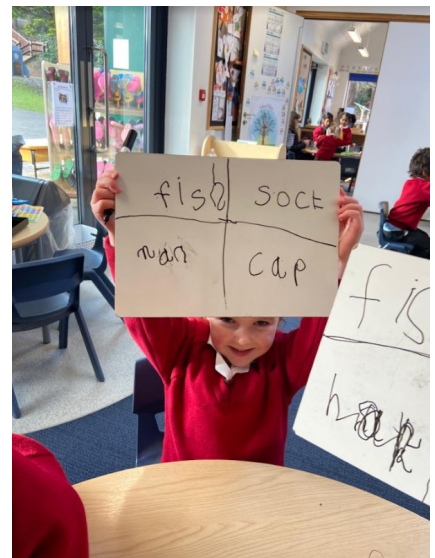
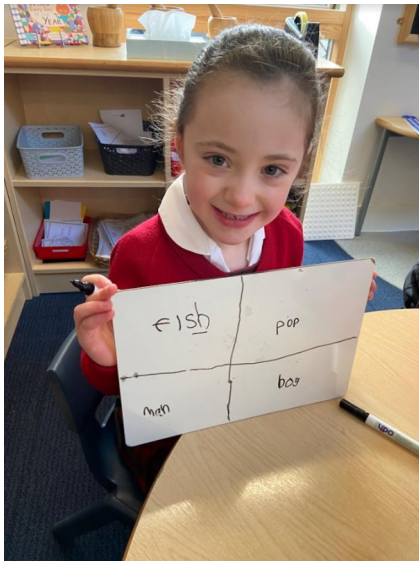
## Welcome Back To Nursery!

What a great start back in Nursery! We have welcomed many new children and have enjoyed hearing about everyone's adventures over the holidays. This week we have been spending time getting to know our new friends, playing together and trying to remember where everything goes at tidy up time! As you can see, there have been lots of happy children.



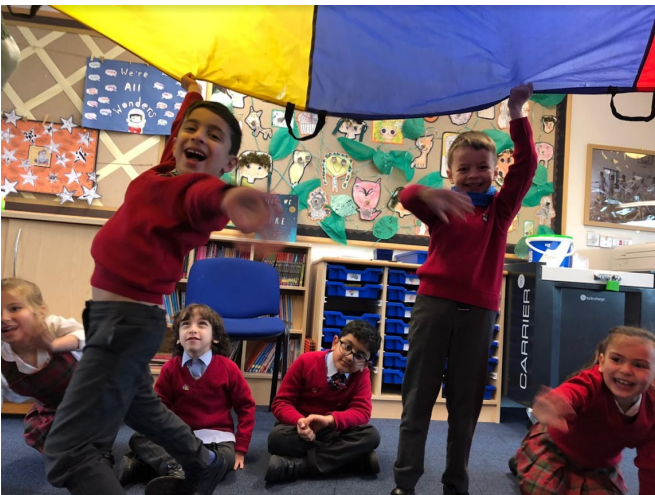
## Games and Observations

The new term has started with a great deal of excitement for the Reception children. They soon returned to their well established school routines and have enjoyed making observations about the frosty weather each morning. We look forward to lots of learning over the course of 2022. Happy New Year!



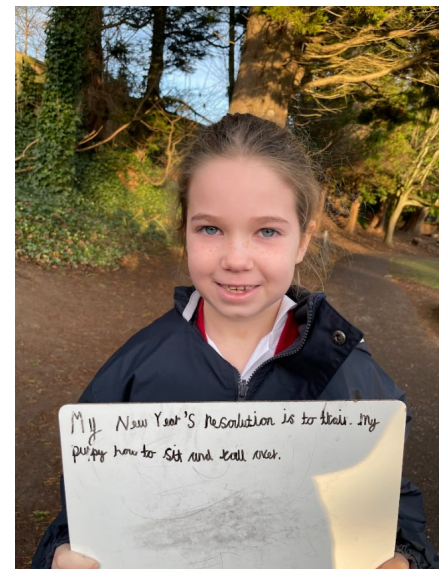
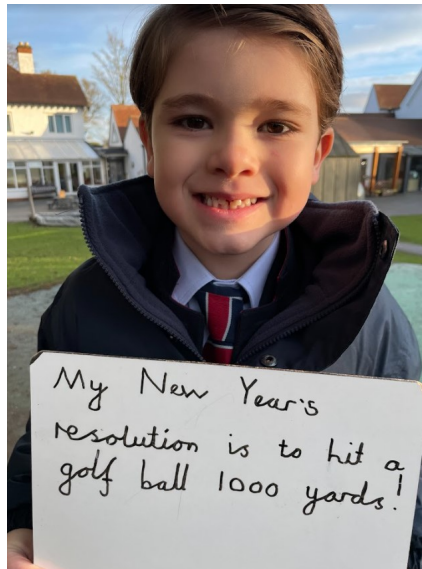
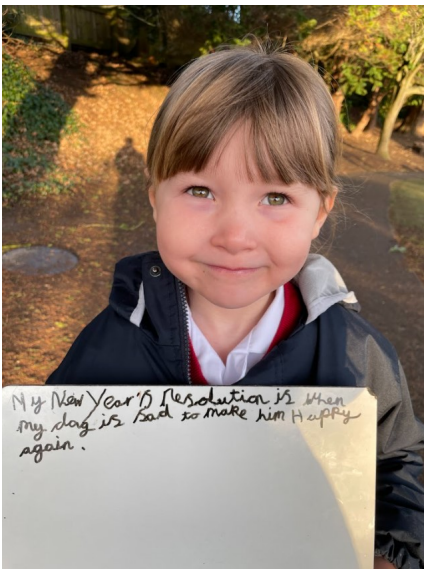
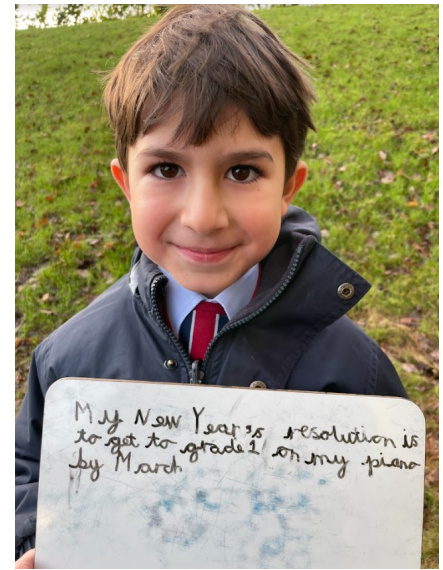
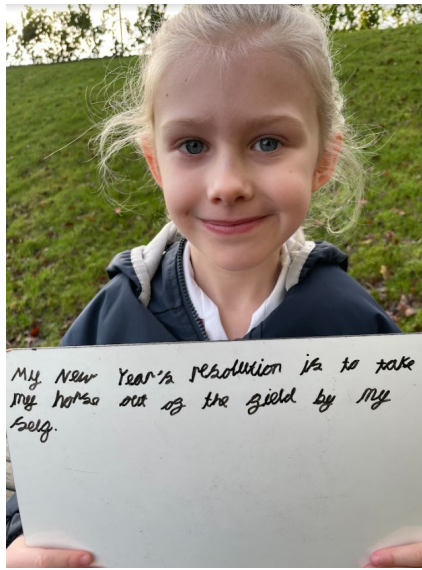
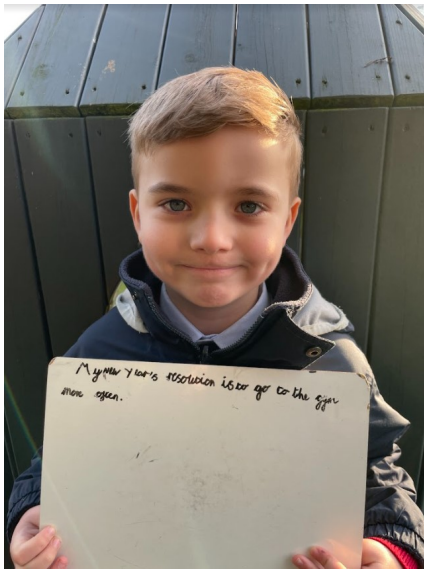
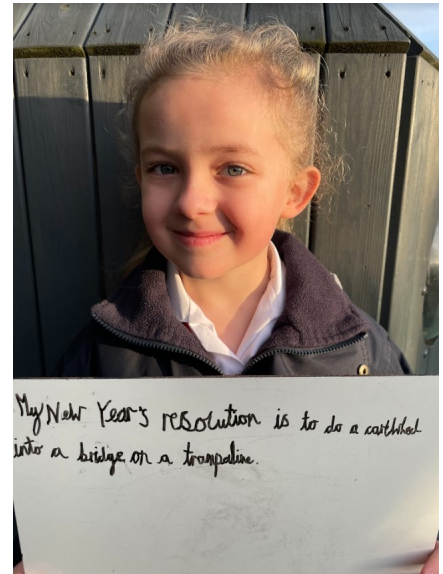
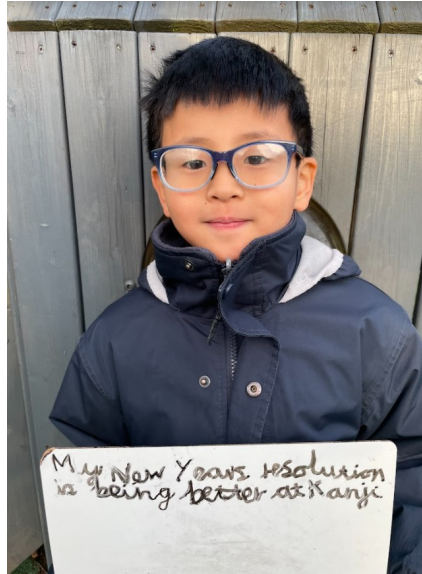
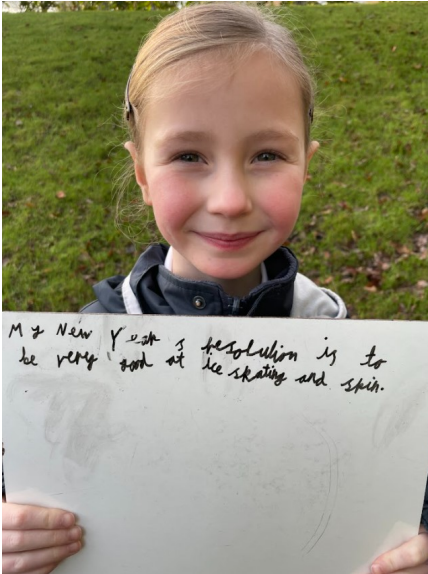
## Hot Air Balloon

Welcome back to Year 1! We celebrated being back together sharing a wonderful story and playing some team games using our very own 'hot air balloon'. Today is the day for the ride of our lives, as we discover how our differences make a beautiful sky. We're one of a kind, both you and me, and the world needs who we were made to be.



## New Year's Resolutions

To begin the new term we have been thinking about New Year's resolutions. We read a story about a squirrel learning all about resolutions and how they can be a way to improve yourself or to help others. We are all excited to achieve these goals in 2022 .





### New Staff



A very warm welcome to Mrs Sylvia Taylor who joins us in the role of After School Care Assistant with Miss Jeffries. We look forward to working with Sylvia and wish her all the very best as she settles in to our school community.

### Nursery Instagram



The team have set up a new Instagram account that will be used to show what the children are getting up to at Nursery! Please follow us @yarmschoolnursery

### 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, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (after school)
- Pupils return Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022
- Finish Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (after school)

#### Spring Term, 2023

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

#### Summer Term, 2023

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

### Autumn Term Reports

Your child's Autumn report is available to view on the parent portal. If you have not yet read your child's report, please follow the link below and log in to access the portal.

<https://portal.yarmschool.org/parentportal/>

If you have any problems please contact Mrs Banham.

### Pre-Prep and Prep School Open Morning

Our next Prep School open morning is on Saturday 15th January from 9am—12pm. Please do let friends and family know. Booking is essential via the Yarm School website.