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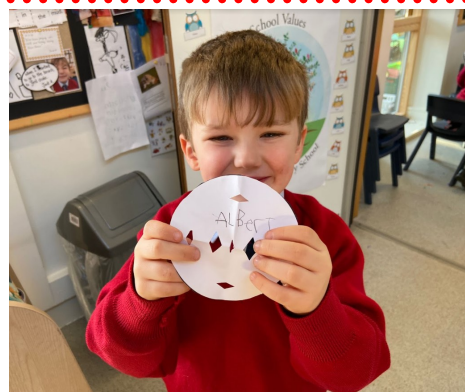
Mrs Speight's message ...

Open Morning was a huge success. I enjoyed hearing the lovely comments about our wonderful school and learning environment. As always, the guides and staff were superb in sharing all that Yarm School has to offer from its small class sizes, breadth of curriculum and the many and varied extra-curricular clubs. I had the pleasure of taking two clubs this week; in Reception's 'Construct and Create,' the children were engineers and built both bridges and cars as well as making crowns. Our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers from the Senior School were very good role models and assisted with great enthusiasm. The Year 2 Eco-Club helped with looking after our environment and the children thoroughly enjoyed using the litter pickers to tidy the playground and Grammar School Lane. The Year 1 children's ball skills were particularly impressive this week and I wonder whether they can recall the many skills they practised. Wishing you a super weekend whatever you may be doing. I'm looking forward to watching some netball!

Joanne Speight

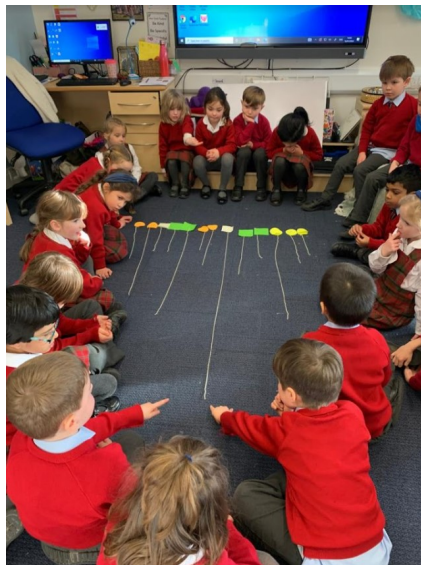
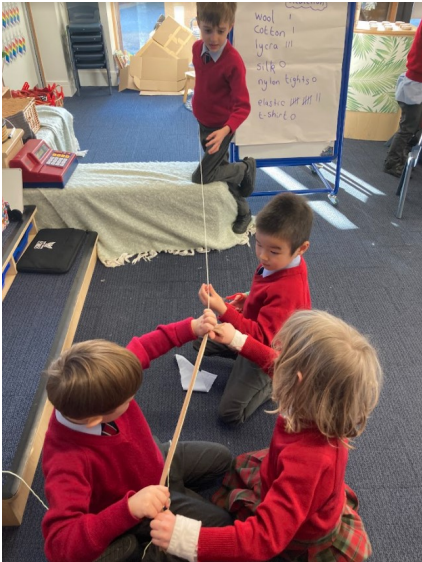


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Stretching Materials and Minds

The Year One children have been applying their investigative and collaboration skills in our science lesson. Tasked with answering the question 'What is the most stretchy material?', they set about carrying out a fair test; helping each other to stretch, measure, record and compare a range of fabrics. We recorded our results in a large scale bar chart and noticed how useful maths skills are to super scientists. Maths really is everywhere. Perhaps the children will be able to tell you which were the most stretchy fabrics.



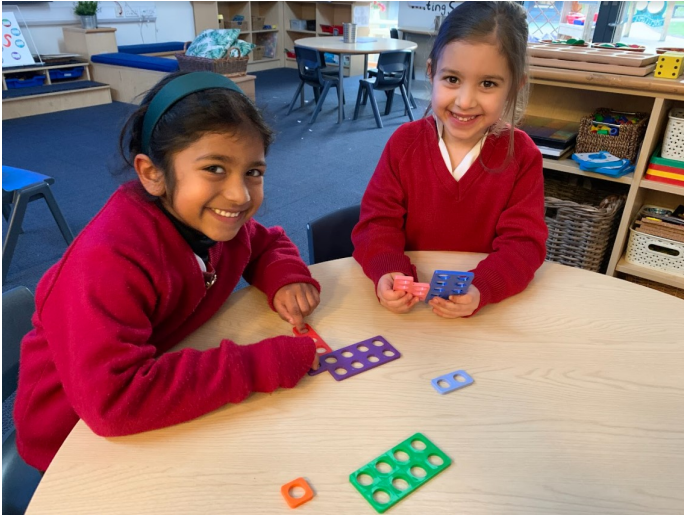
Multiplication and Division

Year 2 have been working incredibly hard on learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. To make it more exciting we decided to use natural materials found on the woodland floor to represent different multiples of the times tables learned. As a challenge, we then demonstrated how we could share or divide our multiples to find the inverse.



Goals

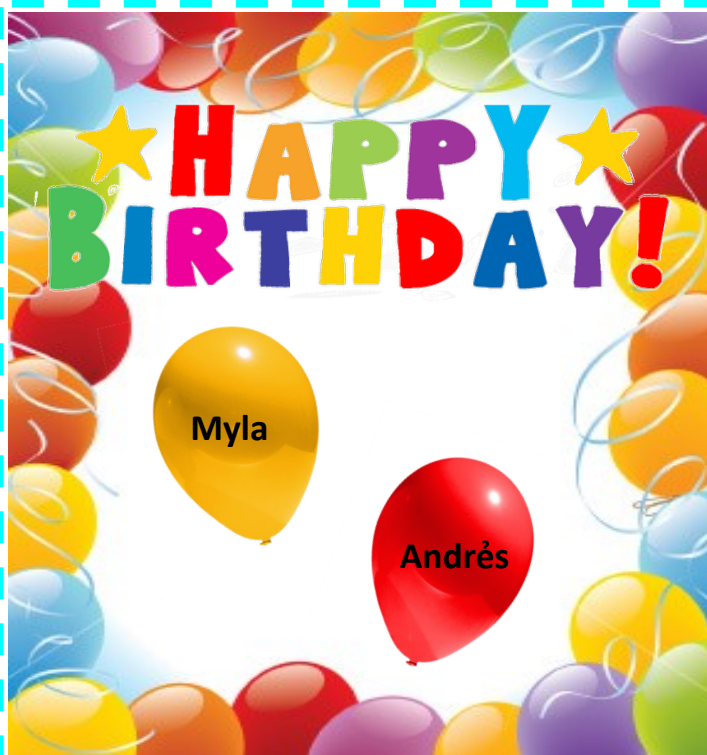
The start of a new year has inspired the children in Reception to discuss their 'goals' for the coming months. During their PSHE lesson the children listened to the story 'Izzy Gizmo' by Pip Jones and Sara Ogilvie. In the story, the protagonist uses perseverance to achieve her dreams. The children were inspired to think of their own goals for their remaining time in Reception. From becoming 'tricky word' masters to skilled athletes, the children proved to be full of ambition!



Crafty Creations

We have never seen the Creative Area so busy in Nursery. There has been a hive of activity with lots of junk modelling, painting and crafting. The children are becoming increasingly independent in selecting the tools and resources which they need. Their creations have included speed boats, bin lorries, telescopes, binoculars, cards and pictures. We can't wait to see what the children create next week!





Nursery Instagram



The Nursery team have set up a new Instagram account. Please follow us @yarmschoolnursery

2021-2022 Calendar

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)



Notice from First Aid Lead Lyndsey

Please be reminded that as a school we follow the Department of Health Guidance on Infection Control in schools. This guidance states that the recommended period of time to be kept away from school for diarrhoea and/or vomiting is 48 hours from the last episode.

Your support in this area will help to reduce the spread of Infection in school.

