



# Little Phoenix

  
**YARM SCHOOL**  
EDUCATING FOR LIFE

## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Miss Rowland's message ...

**Number 369**

**11th November 2022**

We have been fortunate to have two special visitors taking Assemblies this week. Kezzie from Tyneside Cats Protection visited us on Thursday to tell the children about the hard work their charity does to help cats in need. On Friday, Oliver's Mummy, Major Robson, came to speak to the Pre-Prep about Remembrance Day and her work in the Army. Thank you to both our wonderful speakers for such informative assemblies. We also welcomed parents from Reception and Year 1 to our Stay and Play sessions, we hope you enjoyed your time in the classroom. We are very much looking forward to welcoming families of Nursery and Year 2 children next week. It has been lovely to see all of our Pre-Prep children making the most of our outdoor facilities, even in the colder weather. The Nursery children have been outside mixing colours in puddles and making a selection of food in the mud kitchen. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their woodland sessions. The Pre-Prep has been full of stick men following their adventures with Mr Pearce. We hope you all have a great weekend.

*L. Rowlands*



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## Ted's Raincoat

As part of their Science topic, Materials, the Year 2 children investigated the most suitable material for Ted's raincoat. They used a range of materials to see whether they were waterproof and even discussed the importance of a fair test.





## Nursery Explorers

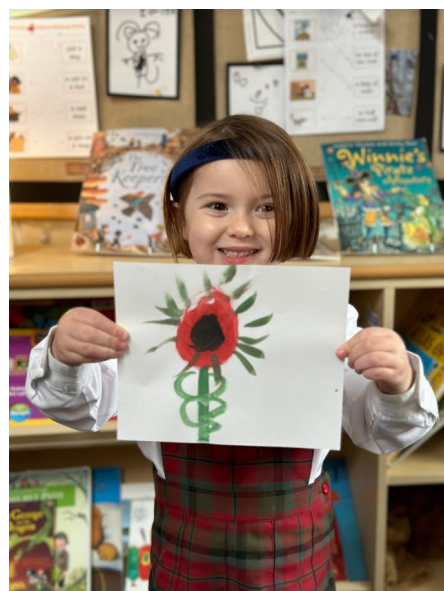
What a wonderful week we have had in Nursery! The children have been listening to lots of stories, singing Nursery Rhymes and exploring the indoor and outdoor environment.





## Poppies

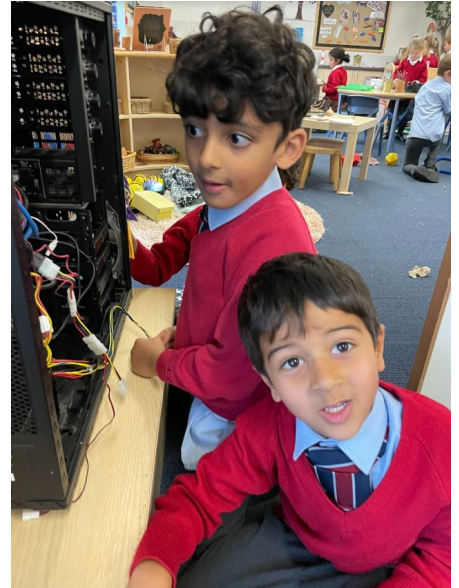
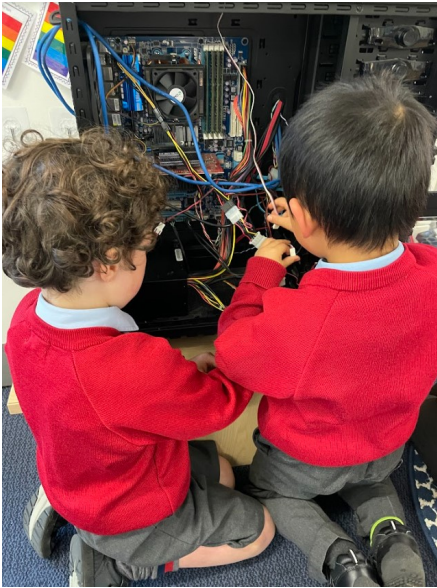
To commemorate Remembrance Day, the children have been learning about how it is important to be kind to each other. They learnt about the significance of poppies and created their own Remembrance inspired poppy artwork.





## **We can all achieve amazing things!**

During Remembrance Week, the Year One children have been learning about the amazing things that people do to help during wartime. They were interested to learn about Alan Turing and his super code breaking skills. They even had a little try at cracking some codes themselves and took the back off a computer to investigate what is inside! Dream big children!







[You can find the Yarm School Calendar by clicking here](#)



### Children in Need

#### **Be Spotacular! - Friday 18th November**

As always we are supporting the BBC Children in Need appeal this year. We are inviting every child to come to school wearing one spotty item of clothing along with the rest of their school uniform! We would like each child to bring in £1 to do this, with all monies raised going to the good causes supported by Children in Need.

*Mr Stone*



### Autumn Term Stay and Play Sessions

Year 2—Thursday 17th November 8.45—9.30am

Nursery—Thursday 17th November—2-3pm

### Holiday School Dates 2022-23

**Christmas**—19th—21st December

**Easter**—3rd—6th April

**Summer**—17th July—4th August



### 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.

### Christmas Appeal—Little Sprouts

This year, more than ever, families in our community are worrying about the cost of heating their homes during the winter. We are once again collaborating with Little Sprouts to support the most vulnerable in our area. In the run up to Christmas we are collecting children's slippers and blankets/throws.

The slippers can be new or pre-loved that are still in good condition. So as to ensure a range of sizes we suggest donating a size close to those of your children.

Both new and pre-loved blankets are extremely useful. If you have extra blankets/throws in your cupboards which go unused please consider donating them to a family. The perfect way to reuse and recycle and give the gift of warmth this Christmas. Please just ensure that they are clean or freshly laundered. Maybe you also know some keen knitters who would be interested in making some for this worthwhile cause.

We will start collecting the items in December, so please hold on to them until then!

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Mrs Sawyer



### Important - New Parents Portal Release

We have recently switched to a new management information system called iSAMS. As part of this transition, the Parent Portal that you will have previously accessed via the Yarm MIS (if your child was in the School last year and previously), will no longer be used. Instead, we will be using the iSAMS Parent Portal going forward which will enable you to view remotely the academic information relating to your child via a secure login.

In addition to school reports, the portal will enable you to view the core information held on our system relating to your contact details, making it easier for you to update this important information as and when it alters. For obvious reasons, it is important that we hold accurate and up to date information regarding your child and it is essential that you provide a valid mobile telephone number and email address as a point of contact **for each contact**.

A shared email can't be used on the new system, therefore please email a second email address and for a respective contact to Pre-Prep [georgina.banham@yarmschool.org](mailto:georgina.banham@yarmschool.org) or Prep [louise.white@yarmschool.org](mailto:louise.white@yarmschool.org).

#### **Key Dates:**

- Registration email release to parents **Monday 21st November**, time for any issues to be resolved 21-25 November
- Reception to Year 6 Autumn Term Reports released to the Parent Portal **Monday 5th December 4pm**

You will not be sent paper copies of reports so it is important that you have completed the portal registration and login process **prior** to the report release date to try and prevent any delay in report availability. Please keep the log in details in a safe place for future reference.

# Ice Gala Winter Ball

26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Includes  
Sensational  
Ice Show  
&  
3 course meal

\* Fiery welcome \* Arrival Drinks \* Entertainment \* Ice Bar \*

Dress code Diamonds and Furs

Skates on at midnight

Tickets available now £55

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