



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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The penultimate week of term has almost been and gone and as I am sitting here writing my piece for the Phoenix I am marvelling at the busy life of the children in Yarm Pre-Prep. The EYFS nativity, 'Away In A Manger' proved to be a great success and I was extremely proud of our youngest children. For some of these children, it is their first ever performance and I know that there will have been many happy memories created. My thanks as ever go to the wonderful Pre-Prep staff team who work so hard to ensure that everything goes to plan. We have an exciting final week of term rapidly approaching with a visit from Santa, The 'Reindeer Run' and Christmas jumper day to name just some of the end of term activities. The 'Reindeer Run' has become a firm Yarm Prep tradition and we shall all enjoy a run around the Astro, wearing antlers and singing along to those Christmas favourites! If you would like to donate to this year's campaign then please visit [this link](#). I must also take the opportunity to thank you for the blankets, fleeces and slippers which you have so generously donated to Little Sprouts. I know that there are many families in our community experiencing difficult times and that your gifts of warmth will be gratefully received. Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Joanne Speight



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Vowels, consonants and super collaboration

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The collage consists of six photographs arranged in a 3x2 grid. The top-left photo shows a girl holding a 'Snip and Stick' worksheet with letters. The top-right photo shows a group of children at a table, some wearing Santa hats. The middle-left photo shows a group of children in a circle, some wearing costumes. The middle-right photo shows children at a table working on a project. The bottom-left photo shows children at a table, with one boy reading a book. The bottom-right photo shows a boy reading a book titled 'WHO?'.

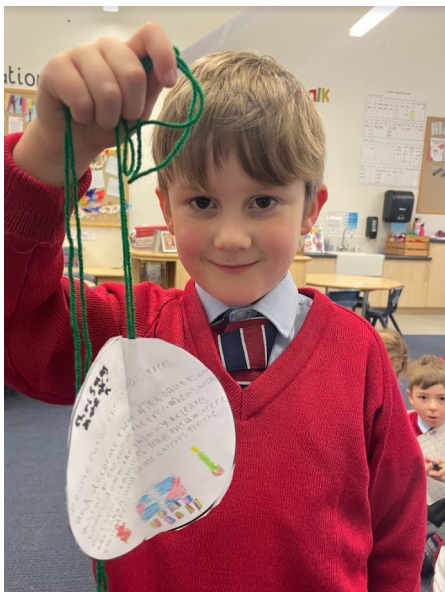
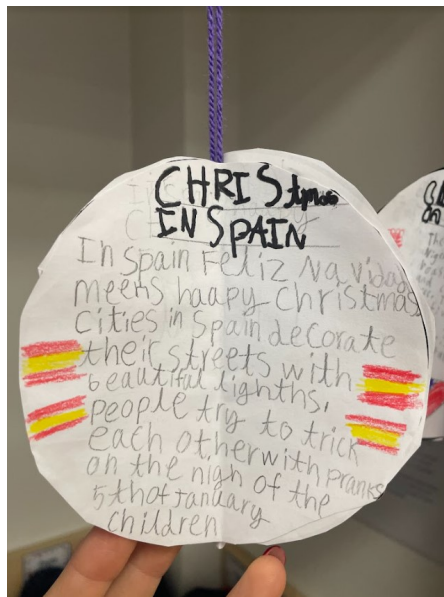
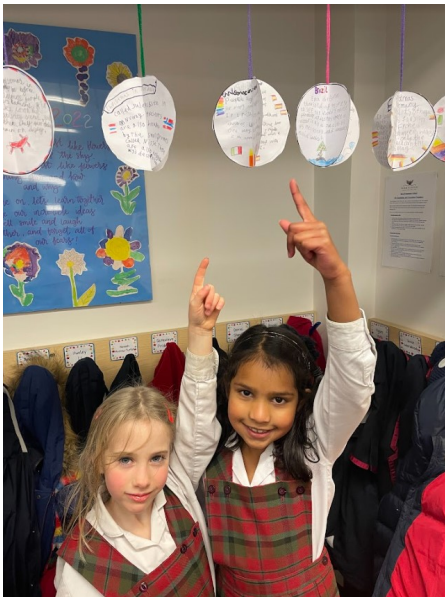
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Christmas Around The World

Year 2 have been learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Using our research, we created 'information baubles' which are full of interesting facts.

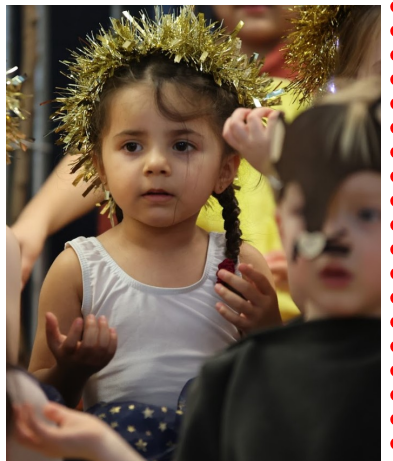


'Away In A Manger'

To help celebrate this very special time of year, the children in Nursery and Reception have taken to the stage to perform 'Away in a Manger' for a captivated audience. The Christmas spirit is certainly alive and well in the EYFS!



'Away In A Manger'





**Please note there is no after school care on the last day of term—
Wednesday 14th December**

Pre-Prep finish times w/c 12th December

Monday 12/12/22—Nursery 3pm, Pre-Prep 3.15pm

Tuesday 13/12/22—Nursery 3pm, Pre-Prep 3.15pm

Wednesday 14/12/22—Nursery and Reception 3pm, Y1 & 2 3.15pm



2023 Calendar

Spring Term 2023	
Pupils Return	Thursday 5 th January 2023
Half Term Begins	Thursday 16 th February 2023 (after school)
INSET	Friday 17 th February 2023
Pupils Return	Monday 27 th February 2023
Finish	Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer Term 2023	
Pupils Return	Thursday 20 th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Half Term Begins	Thursday 25 th May 2023 (after school)
INSET	Friday 26 th May 2023
Pupils Return	Monday 5 th June 2023
Finish	Friday 7 th July 2023 (12 noon finish)

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 14th December, in aid of Save the Children. Children bring in £1 to wear a Christmas jumper of their choice with their school uniform.



Autumn Term Reports

Your child's Autumn report is available to view on the parent portal. Please follow the link below and log in to access the portal.

<https://yarmschool.parents.isamshosting.cloud/api/homepage>

If you have not yet had the opportunity to acknowledge reading of your child's report, please see the guidance below.

- Log into the new parent portal.
- The report feedback form can be found on the home page, under the interactive drop down.
- Choose and complete the correct form for your child's class.
- Your feedback will then automatically be sent through to your child's Form Teacher.

If you have had any problems accessing your child's autumn term report via the new parent portal, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support.