



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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Open Morning was a great success, both the guides and Form Teachers were superb. The families all commented on our wonderful, polite and articulate children and our amazing school. Clubs and activities are in full swing. Golf4All is very popular and I could even hear the cheering from my office! Football club is also in demand with our Year 2 children and I love to hear their excited chatter as they go up to the Prep School. I was so disappointed with the weather on Wednesday as it meant Running Club had to be cancelled because of the frozen astro. We have a guest runner here in Pre-Prep, Miss Walker, who gave a very informative assembly about her hurdling and athletics career. She was so enthusiastic and encouraging about the children's running and there will certainly be many more children joining us next week. The Year 2 children have been very kind, thoughtful and inclusive as we have had many children attending taster days. Chinese New Year was celebrated today and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the classroom to observe the lessons prepared by our teachers. Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

*Joanne Speight*



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## Challenges

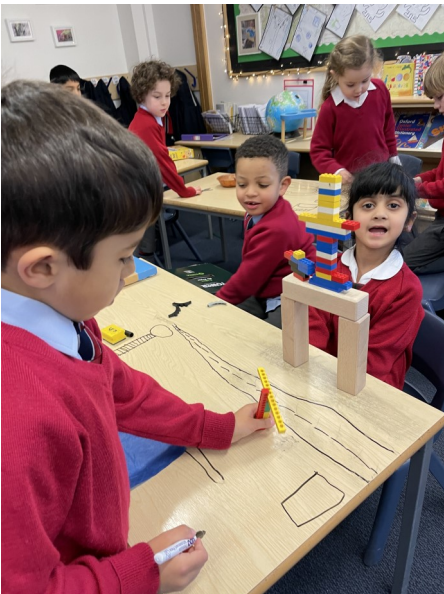
Challenges can come in lots of different forms. During their PSHE lesson, the children in Reception challenged themselves during a variety of daunting activities; from transporting water without using containers to identifying Numicon whilst blind folded.





## We're going on a river hunt!

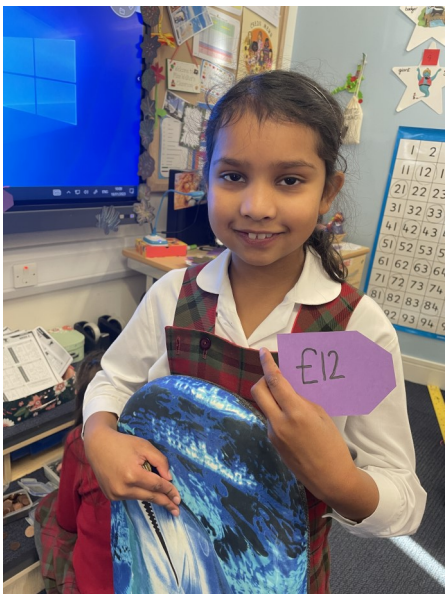
Having studied maps of our local area, Year 1 knew there was a river close by so we went on an adventure to try and locate it. Along the way we practised using geographical vocabulary such as 'left and right'. When we returned we plotted our route on 3D maps which we made in teams.





## Holiday Shop

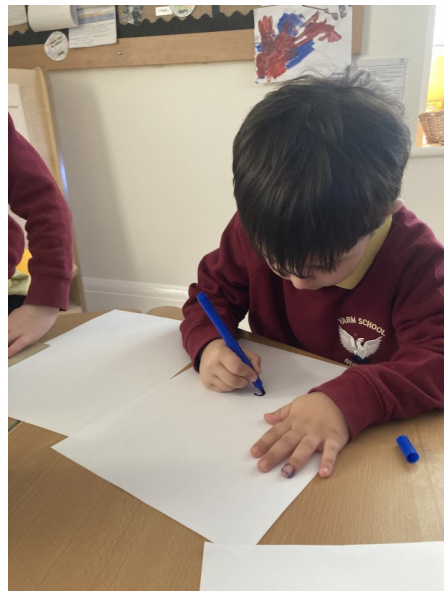
Year 2 have been busy creating their own 'Holiday Shop' as part of their topic 'Pole to Pole'. They made price tags and had fun finding the correct amounts to pay using money.





## Winter Fun

The Nursery children have been enjoying many winter activities inside and outside. On Tuesday, the children discovered that the animals had been trapped by ice in the garden and they had to work together to help free them.







## Dates For Your Diary Spring 2023

### **February**

Thursday 2nd—Year 2 trip to York Railway Museum

Thursday 16th—Half term begins

Friday 17th—INSET Day (school closed to children)

Monday 27th—Pupils return to school

Tuesday 28th—Jeans for Genes Day

### **March**

Thursday 2nd—World Book Day

Tuesday 7th—Year 1 trip to The National Museum of the Royal Navy

Wednesday 8th—Holi Celebrations

Tuesday 14th—Year 1 Stay and Play

Thursday 16th—Reception trip to Shildon Railway Museum

Thursday 16th—Year 2 Stay and Play

Friday 17th—Red Nose Day

Friday 17th—Bring Mums/Grandmas to Nursery

Week beginnings 20th—Parents Evenings

Friday 31st—End of term 3pm (no after school care)

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



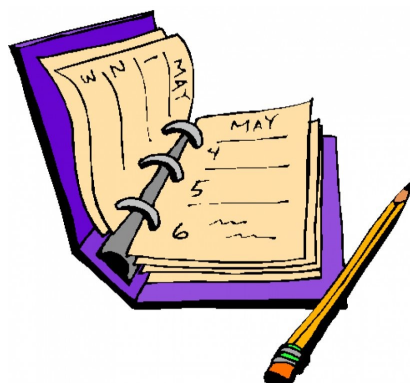
## Holiday School Dates

### **Easter**

Monday 3rd—Thursday 6th April

### **Summer**

Monday 17th July—Friday 4th August





### **Little Red Riding Hood—19th February 2023, 2pm**

A wolf in granny's clothing knows all about what fun dressing-up can be and in Little Red Riding Hood our magical wardrobe opens its doors to a fantastic display of gorgeous garments. We will take you down the path into the snowy wild wood where you'll hear catchy songs on the wind and spot hilarious puppets between the trees.

We're sure you'll say what a great show we've got – all the better to thrill you with!

"50 minutes of pure childhood joy!" number9reviews

For ages 3-8. 50 mins.



### **Ministry of Science—21st February 2023, 2pm**

This year saw Science lead the way in getting our lives back to normal. Now, the UK's favourite science team are back and more explosive than ever!

Join our presenters as they dive deep into the world of science and look at how science shapes the modern world we live in with a few loud bangs along the way!

They'll take an anarchic approach to science communication whilst looking at the scientists, engineers and inventors who have shaped the modern world that we live in whilst proving that each and everyone of you have the ability to change our world for the better!

Expect 20ft LIQUID NITROGEN clouds, exploding OXYGEN & HYDROGEN balloons, FIRE TORNADOS, HYDROGEN bottle rockets, ignited METHANE and even a self-built Hovercraft!

100% Educational. 200% Entertaining. 300% Explosive. 400% Fun.



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