



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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Where does the time go? I can not believe it is a year since the last RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. It is fun, free and anyone can take part. Please do have a look at the website as it has a lot of information and will help you identify the birds which visit your garden. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> Our Nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about our flying friends and making bird feeders for them. The frost last week inspired Reception children to write Arctic stories and the children should be very proud of their letter formation. Mrs White and Mr Davies are so encouraging when teaching our youngest children how to develop those key writing skills. The children also loved making snowflakes, I wonder if they can show you how to create your own? Do take a minute to celebrate your child's success. Our super scientists in Year 1 carried out a fair test. Miss Ward our STEAM expert was very impressed when she popped down to Pre-Prep to look at all the science which is happening. I can not wait until our Eco themed STEAM week just before half term. I know that the children are going to love the many activities planned and will have fun as they are learning. Have a wonderful relaxing weekend. Warmest wishes,

*Joanne Speight*



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## Super Science

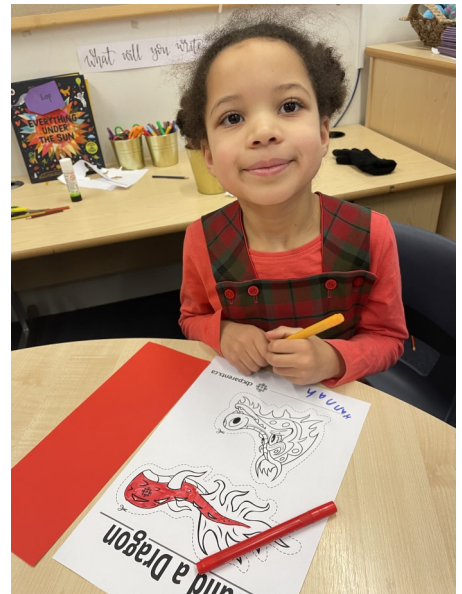
The Year One children have been in scientist mode. We designed a test to find out which material would be most useful to make a coat for a character in our story. We used our skills of prediction, observation and teamwork.





## Chinese New Year

Year 2 enjoyed learning about the customs and traditions of Chinese New Year. The children learned from Huxley, who was our expert for the day.





## The Big Book of Birds

In Nursery, we have been learning about birds as part of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. The children have loved making bird feeders and looking at the beautiful illustrations in 'The Big Book of Birds' by Yuval Zommer.





## Wonderful Winter

The recent cold weather has inspired the children in Reception to learn more about winter. After listening to some winter stories they explored ice and its properties, wrote Arctic stories and used their fine motor skills to create paper snowflakes.







### Uniform Labelling

Please be reminded that all items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Book bags and backpacks should be embroidered and named in the space provided. We ask for full cooperation from parents with regard to the clear labelling of uniforms.



### 2023 Calendar

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



## YPSSC PreLoved Uniform



We have a huge and varied stock of preloved uniform available.

Boys & Girls Blazers  
Coats & Cagoules  
Hats  
Summer uniform  
Winter Uniform  
Games Kit Items  
PE kit Items

From Nursery through to Year 6.

Prices start from £1!

If you are looking to add to your uniform wardrobe or simply want a few spares, visit our website [www.ypssc.co.uk](http://www.ypssc.co.uk) or scan the QR code below to complete a stock check/order form.

All clean and reusable donations of outgrown uniform are welcome too- just bag them up and either pass them on to a committee member or drop them in at Prep reception.



Thank you!

### 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.



### **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.