



Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

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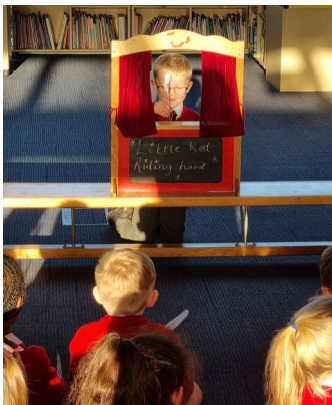
It was a delight to hear the children inform me how many birds they had spotted last weekend and they also impressed me with their knowledge of the variety of species. Many families even visited RSPB Salthome to participate in the 'Big Garden Birdwatch.' If you have not visited this wonderful local bird reserve, I highly recommend an outing there. My particular highlight of the week was accompanying our Year 2 children to the National Railway Museum on Thursday. The children loved seeing the trains and were able to recall their collaborative group work whilst studying the Shinkansen and Mallard trains. I wonder if they can remember any facts about Stephenson's Rocket? The museum was being refurbished, therefore, the Station Hall was closed. What a perfect excuse to visit this fantastic museum in the holidays! On the way back to school, I could hear excited chatter about their next trip and being in the Prep School in September. Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight



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National Railway Museum

On Thursday, Year 2 travelled to York to visit the National Railway Museum. They had a fantastic day out and loved learning more about different trains.



Nursery

The Nursery children enjoy accessing all of the different areas of provision. Playing outside in the garden has been a popular choice, where the children used their construction skills to build a house.



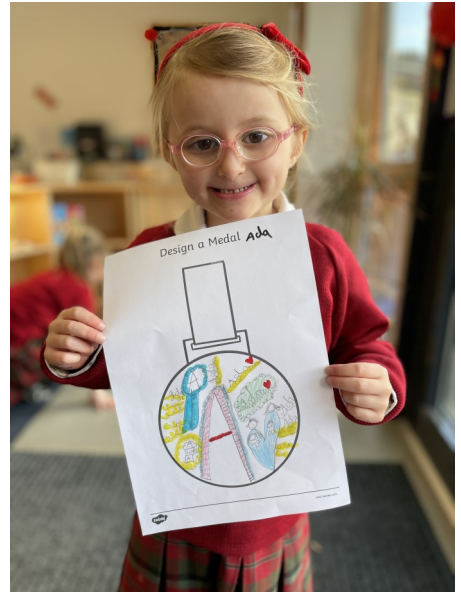
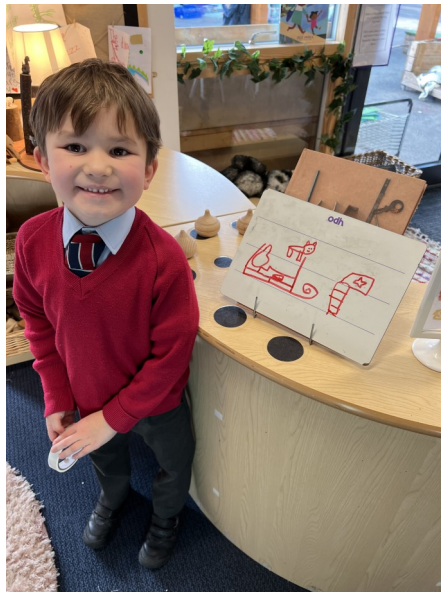
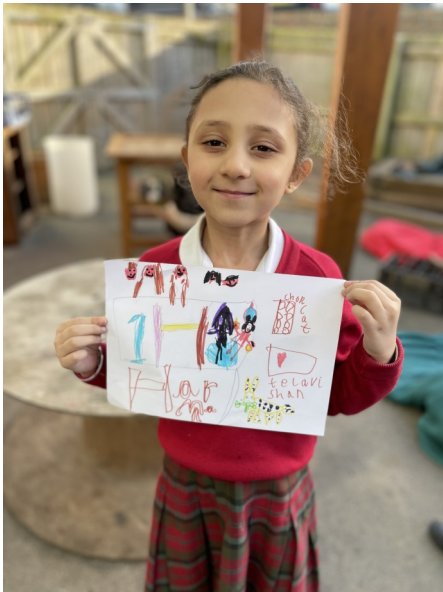
Storytelling Week

As part of 'Storytelling Week', the children in Reception have been using their phonics skills to write short stories of their own. After making their own stick puppets, they also performed short retells of traditional tales.



Journeys

As part of this term's topic 'Journeys', Year 1 have been learning about explorers. The children found out about Matthew Henson's daring adventure to the North Pole. Inspired by this the children made their own camps, fires and vehicles for their expedition to the Arctic.





Parents Handbook

You can access the parent handbooks on the school website [by clicking here](#). At various points over the coming weeks, we will post some reminders and key pieces of information from the handbook.

Holiday School Dates

Easter

Monday 3rd—Thursday 6th April

Summer

Monday 17th July—Friday 4th August



STEAM Week

We will be launching our 'Green' STEAM week on Friday 10th February. This year the theme is about looking after the environment, climate change and sustainability. Children will be taking part in a variety of challenges and workshops. We will be welcoming Sofia Windfarm, Climate Action Middlesbrough, the Royal Institution and the Tees Valley River Trust to school, amongst others. We would appreciate your help in making the week a success. Please could we ask for donations of:

- Lots of brown cardboard boxes
- Pre-loved clothing or old fabric/tablecloths/sheets/curtains etc.
- Small empty clear plastic drinks bottles
- Plastic bags
- Bottle tops
- Juice cartons

Please bring these into school from Monday 6th February.

Many thanks for your support.

Miss Ward



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)