



Little Phoenix



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Mrs Speight's message ...

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STEAM week is fast approaching and all children are getting very excited about this. The launch during our wonderful assembly raised many 'oohs and aahs' as the children listened to the myriad of activities which will be available to them over the coming week. There will also be visitors to school who will be focusing on the theme of sustainability. As we are all aware, this is a topic about which our children are passionate and I know that they will have many ideas about how we can improve the world we live in. The children never cease to amaze me with their carefully considered thoughts of how we can all do better by reusing, reducing and recycling. Each year group has taken on a challenge and I am excited that next Friday, I shall have the opportunity to see what the children have made throughout school. STEAM week has been organised by Miss Ward and I am grateful that she has thought of so many wonderful projects which appeal to every single year group in school. I know that we have many budding scientists, technologists, engineers, artists and mathematicians in our midst and this may be the inspiration for a future career, who knows?

Warmest wishes.

Joanne Speight

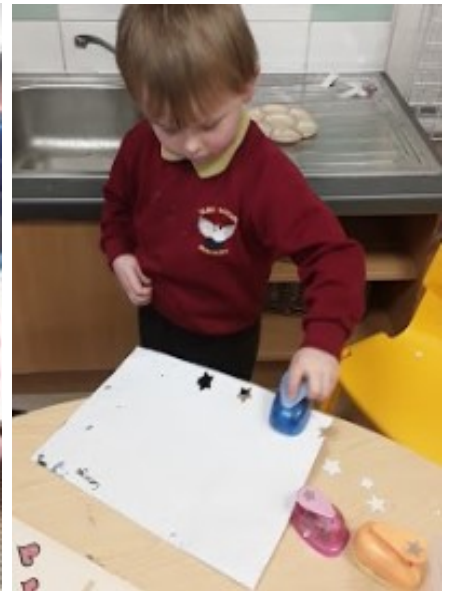


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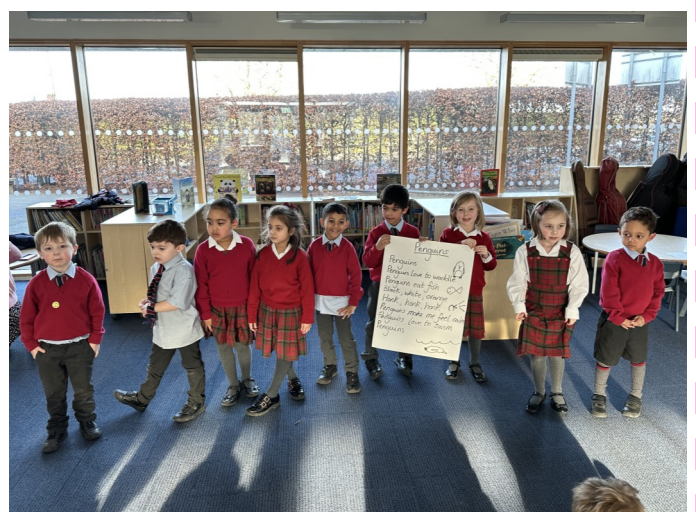
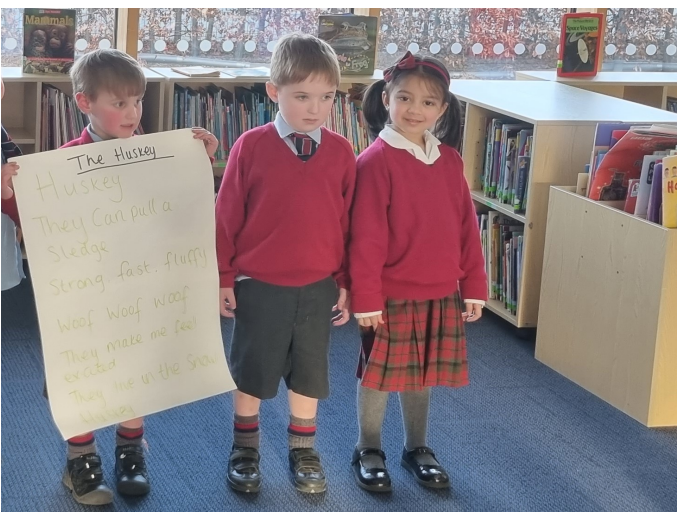
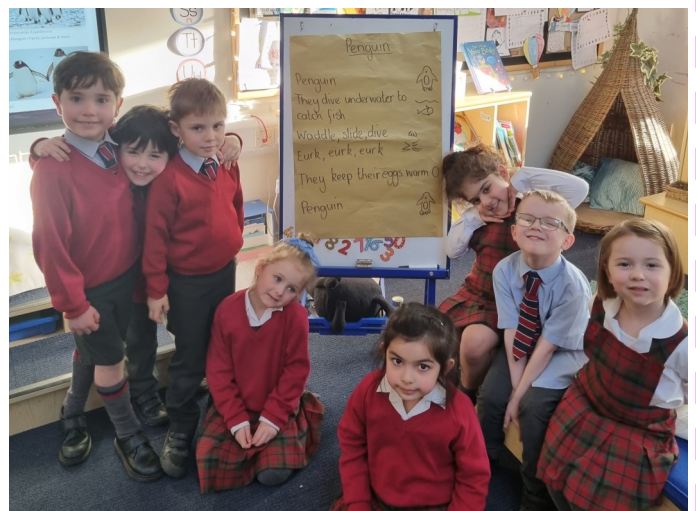
Exciting Activities

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning in Nursery. There have been too many activities to list. Here are a selection of photos to showcase what we have been doing.



Rhymes and Poems

Inspired by some of their favourite authors, the children in Reception have been writing some of their own rhymes and poetry. After collaborating on a poem about an Arctic animal, the children practised their writing skills by thinking of their own rhymes.



Explorer Mittens

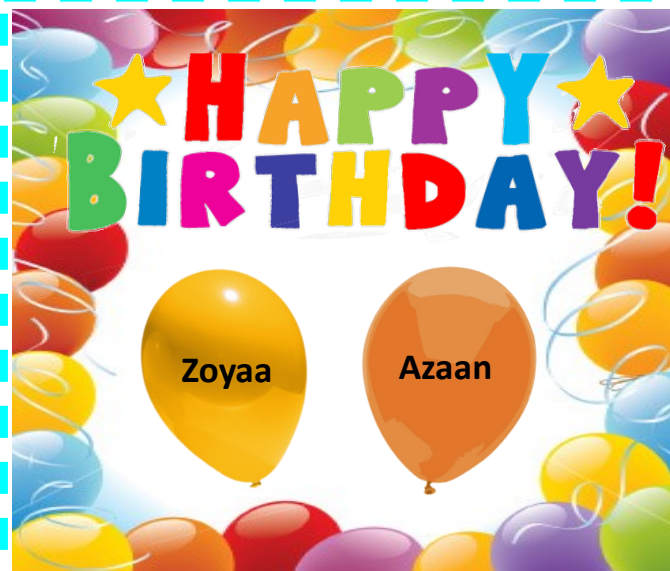
Year one combined their scientific knowledge of materials and their research about clothing design to make some mittens fit for the most adventurous Arctic explorer! Super planning and teamwork skills.



Identifying Birds

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to the woods, where they identified and made sketches of different garden birds. How many can you spot in your garden this weekend?





Dates For Your Diary Spring 2023

February

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

Week beginning 20th—Parents Evenings

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

Mother's Day 'Bring a Grown-Up to School'

On Friday 17th March, one adult per child is invited to join us at the Pre-Prep to celebrate Mother's Day. Please find below timings for each year group.

Year 2 - 8.30am—11.30am

Year 1 - 8.30am—10.45am

Reception - 2pm—3pm

Nursery - 2pm—3pm



STEAM Week

Next week is STEAM week!

A big thank you for all your donations which will help make the week a success.

On Thursday, we would like children to come to school wearing an item of pre-loved clothing, maybe an old much loved garment, something bought from a charity shop or a hand-me-down - the opposite of fast fashion! Alternatively, children can come to school wearing an item of green clothing. Please could children bring £1 to school to donate to an environmental charity of the school council's choosing.

Kind regards,

Miss Ward



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