



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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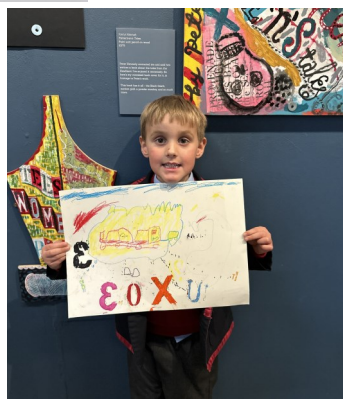
22nd September 2023

As we come to the end of our third week in school, I have noticed that the leaves have started to fall, the mornings are darker and autumn is certainly on the way. The weather on Wednesday was certainly stormy but the children in Nursery and Reception thoroughly enjoyed the puddles in the garden with lots of investigation evident. Woodland School is often a keen topic of conversation for many children and they clearly enjoy the trek to the woods and the activities in which they participate. Mr Pearce leads these sessions for all of our Pre-Prep children and his enthusiasm for the great outdoors is infectious. Whether it is wet, dry, sunny or snowy, every child from Reception to Year 2 goes across the road for a woodland adventure. There are many opportunities for the children to take their learning outside from sorting leaves to den building and so many areas of the curriculum evident. Sometimes there is a campfire lit and the children drink hot chocolate and enjoy each other's company. Sssshh, don't tell the children but Mr Pearce has requested even more hot chocolate for future sessions! The Year One children visited Hartlepool Art Gallery and had the most wonderful day out. On Saturday, it is Stokesley Show and there will be a plentiful supply of delicious cookies should you choose to visit us at our stall. Have a super weekend and take some time to relax and get out in the fresh air before the darker evenings set in. Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight

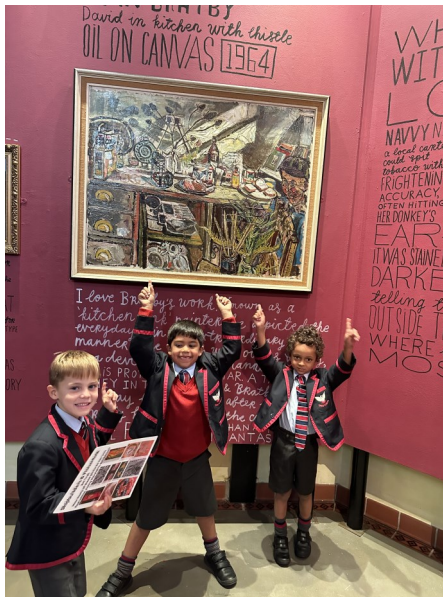
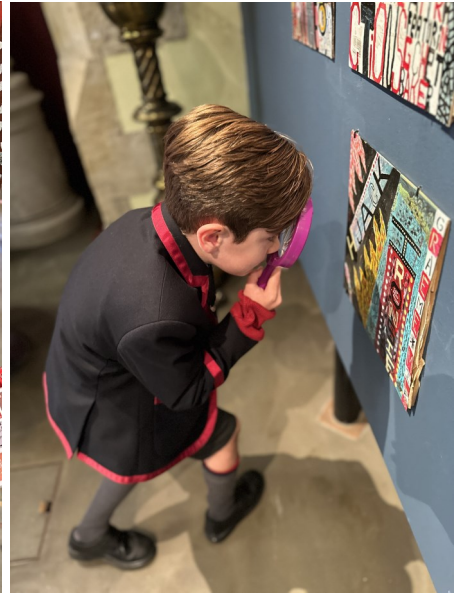


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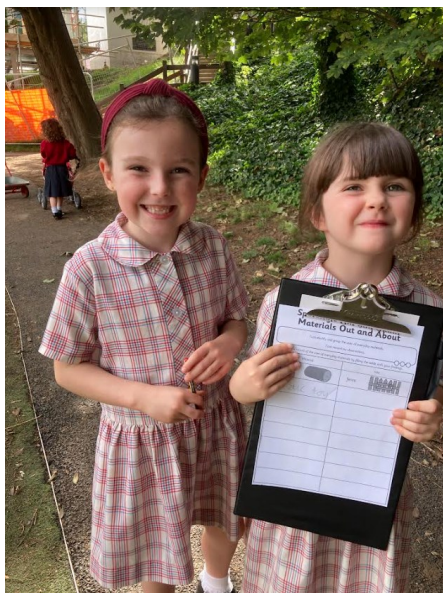
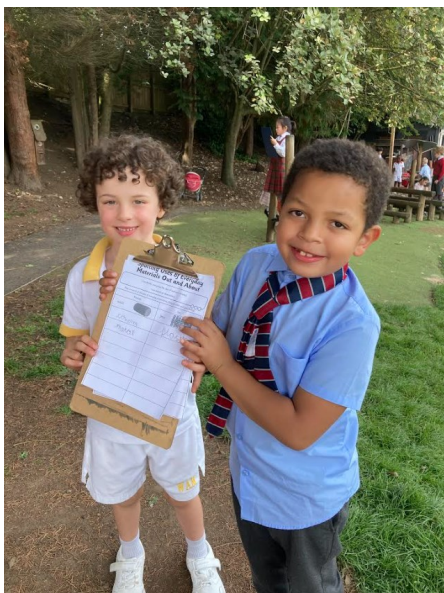
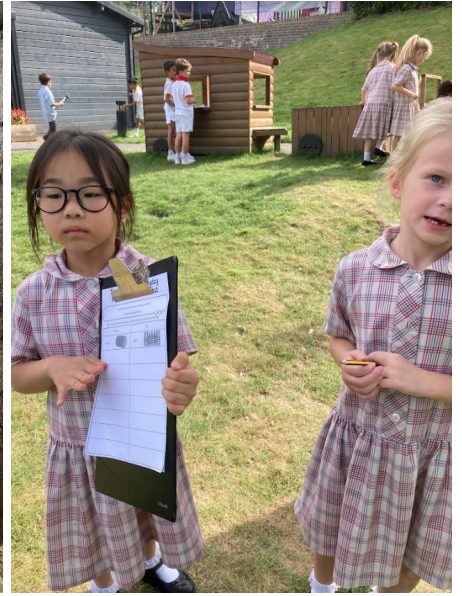
Hartlepool Art Gallery

We visited Hartlepool Art Gallery to learn about local artist Jonny Hannah. Once we had explored the gallery, we created our own masterpieces in the style of his work using paint, pastel crayons and ink.



Super Scientists

Year 2 investigated the properties of materials in science. They went into the garden to identify and group the uses of everyday materials. Working in pairs, they recorded their observations in a table.



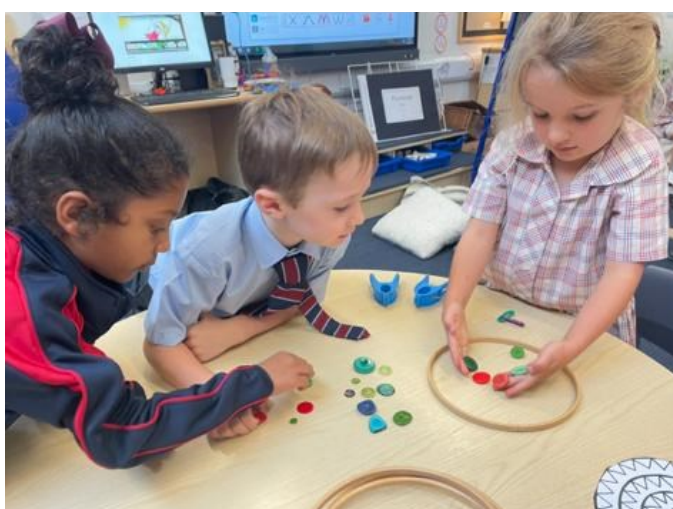
Lunch Time

We love lunch time in Nursery! The children have been working so hard to use their knives and forks to eat their food. Each day, we talk about the food on our plate and trying new foods that we may not have eaten before. The pasta with Mediterranean vegetable sauce and garlic bread was a real hit!



Sorting!

Reception children have enjoyed sorting this week; sorting animals, buttons and themselves! They have moved on to spotting the odd one out and making up their own sorting rules. What could they sort at home?





After School Care

In order to assist with our planning we are asking parents to book After School Care for the first few weeks of the Autumn term. The booking form for attendance for October 2023 can be found below. Please only look to use the care facility if needed.

The booking form, which takes us up to half-term, can be found here: <https://forms.gle/v1DvfT1TtyfLmhWg7>

The deadline for completion is 9AM on WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER.

You can find the Yarm School Calendar by clicking here



2023/24 Calendar

Autumn Term 2023	
Pupils Return	Thursday 31 st August 2023
Half Term Begins	Friday 20 th October 2023 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday 6 th November 2023
Finish	Friday 15 th December 2023 (after school)
Spring Term 2024	
Pupils Return	Thursday 4 th January 2024
Half Term Begins	Thursday 15 th February 2024
INSET	Friday 16 th February 2024
Pupils Return	Monday 26 th February 2024
Finish	Thursday 28 th March 2024 (after school)
Summer Term 2024	
Pupils Return	Thursday 18 th April 2024
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024
Half Term Begins	Thursday 23 rd May 2024 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Finish	Thursday 4 th July 2024 (12 noon finish)

Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school you must inform Mrs Banham in the school office before 9am. She can then inform the class teacher and ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.

Pre-Prep and Prep School Open Morning

Our next Prep School Open Morning is on Saturday 30th September from 9am—12pm. Please do let friends and family know. Booking is essential via the Yarm School website.

Halloween Spooktacular—Monday 30th October, 2.30pm and 6.30pm

Join Tommy The Ghostbuster and all the gang as they embark on another spooktastic adventure this Halloween!

Will everything turn out okay in the end? Will the party go ahead?

Will everyone live spookily ever after?

Find out by booking your tickets today! Fancy dress encouraged!

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/halloween-spooktacular-2/>



Fireman Sam—Sunday 5th November, 12pm and 3.30pm

When all of his friends go away, Norman Price decides to find adventure in Pontypandy and become the star of a visiting circus. But with a tiger on the loose and faulty lights, the adventure soon turns to danger. Can Fireman Sam come to the rescue and save the circus?

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/fireman-sam-saves-the-circus-2/>

