



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

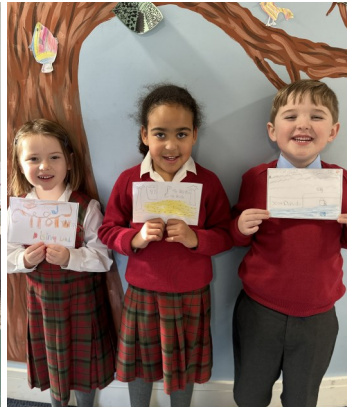
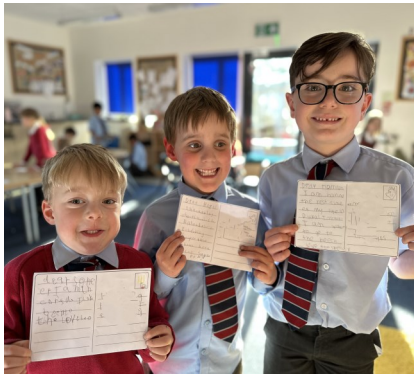
**Number 412**  
**2nd February 2024**

Singing Sensations have started learning their songs from The Magic Flute, I was most impressed with their musicality and their actions. Wednesday 14th February will be a special day as we are very lucky to have a visit from a creative director of the Royal Opera House. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn 6 songs from the opera. During Singing Sensations we will be learning about opera in preparation for our Big Sing in June where we will have the opportunity to spend a day out of school learning Through Fire and Water with 6 members from the ROH and other primary schools culminating in a performance. The Reception children enjoyed a visit from Mr Bellerby, they were so excited when they heard his mode of transport, I wonder if they can remember how he travelled to school? Today was very special as we celebrated the opening of the new Prep building, the Hazel Andrews Opening was extremely special, it was a pleasure to meet Baroness Tanni-Grey Thompson, see Year 6 perform an act from Grease and hear a Prep pupil playing the piano with such musicality. Have a wonderful weekend. I'm looking forward to watching the Senior School musical production of Cinderella.

Warmest wishes,

*Jeanne Speight*

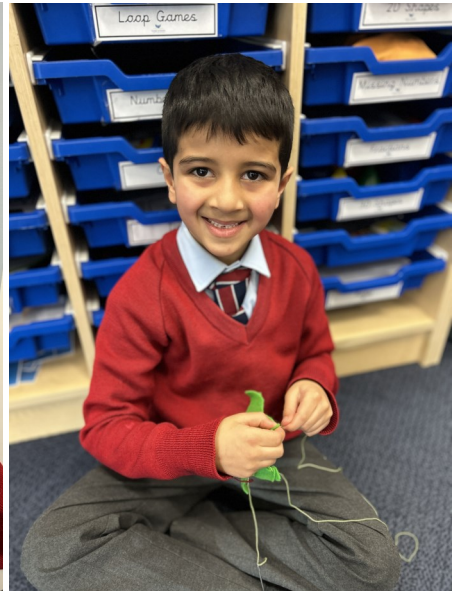
Follow me on X: @YarmPrePrep X





## Sewing Stars

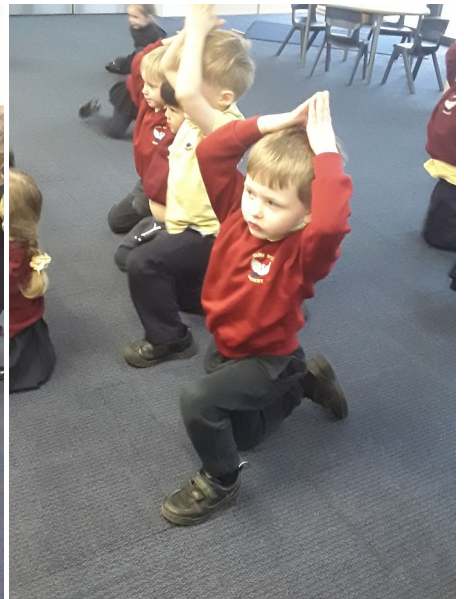
The Year 2 children were inspired by Eleanor Foraker and her team who designed and created the spacesuit for Apollo 11's mission to the moon. They designed and stitched stars, developing their sewing skills.





## Yoga

The Nursery children have been practising their best yoga poses. We have seen some super examples of the 'mountain', 'tree' and warrior' to name a few.





## Aspirational Careers

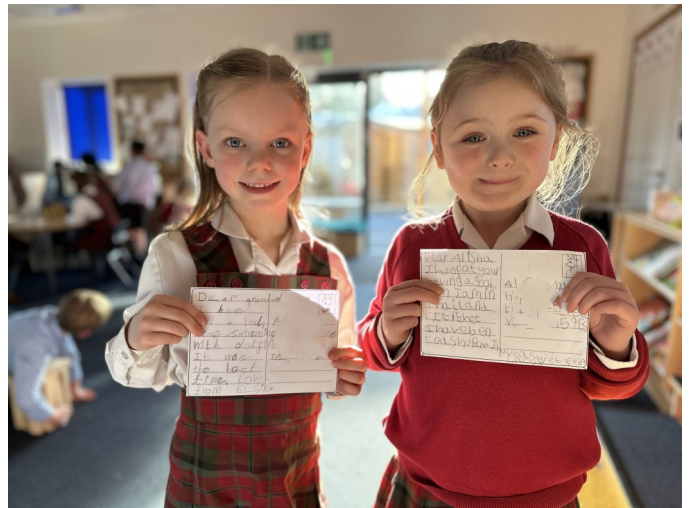
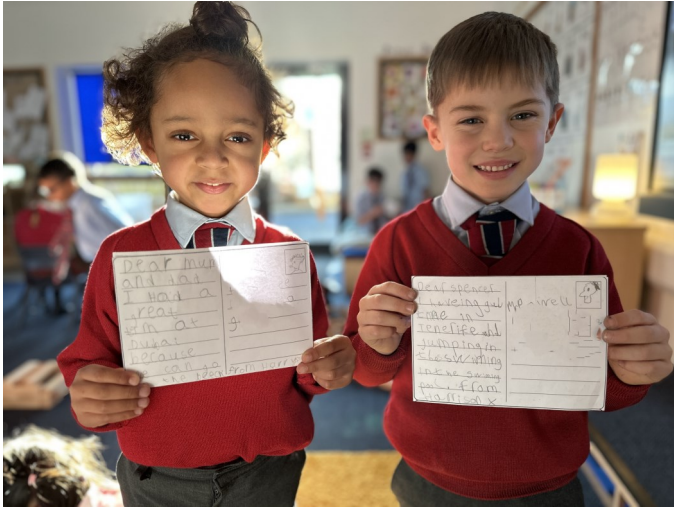
The children in Reception were excited to welcome Mr Bellerby and Mr Barton to talk about their respective careers. It was lovely to listen to some of the children's aspirational career choices. We can't wait to welcome the next generation of bakers, footballers and astronauts!





## Postcards

Further to our visit to Middlebrough College and the fuselage of an aeroplane, the children designed and wrote postcards to loved ones. We had children flying to Dubai, Minorca, Holland and Australia!







## STEAM Week

Dear Parents,

The week beginning Monday 12th February is our STEAM week. The theme this year is space, as voted for by the children in last year's STEAM pupil voice survey.

The week will see children taking part in a range of space-related STEAM challenges and we will be welcoming to school speakers from the aviation, rocket fuel and satellite communications industries. The sports hall will also play host to a planetarium and children can dress up as an astronaut and experience space through VR. Children will also have an opportunity to hold a piece of the moon in their hand, as we have loaned some lunar rocks and meteorites.

To support our STEAM week, we would be very grateful for donations of the following:

- shoeboxes
- large plastic pop/water/milk bottles
- tops and lids of all descriptions but especially those from plastic milk bottles
- cardboard boxes of all shapes and sizes
- large flat pieces of cardboard
- domed packaging or anything which shouts 'Mars colony'
- tubes e.g. empty kitchen roll tubes
- polystyrene
- bubblewrap
- plastic bags or sheeting (or material which might make a good parachute)

Please send any donations to school with your child or pass to your child's formtaker over the next few weeks. Your help is much appreciated.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Smith*

## Dates For Your Diary

**15/2/24**—Half term beings (after school)

**16/2/24**—INSET day (school closed)

**26/2/24**—Pupils return to school

**29/2/24**—Rare Diseases Day—wear jeans £1

**7/3/24**—World Book Day

**8/3/24**—Bring a grown up to school

**15/3/24**—Red Nose Day—wear an item of red £1

**w/c 18/3/24**—Parents evening

**25/3/24**—Holi celebration

**28/3/24**—End of term (no after school care)

## Lateness

Please be reminded that the school day starts **promptly at 8.35am** each morning. If your child arrives after 8.35am then they will receive a late mark. Your cooperation with this is much appreciated.

## The Little Prince

**Sunday 18th February, 2.30pm**

The Little Prince is here to remind us in Lyngo's new collaboration with Norwich Puppet Theatre. Through mesmerising puppetry and beautiful songs the boy who fell to earth teaches his friend the Aviator about love, life and real happiness in this adaptation of one of the best-selling children's books of all time.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/the-little-prince/>



## Humpty Dumpty

**Wednesday 3rd April, 6.30pm and Thursday 4th April, 11am and 2pm**

Once upon a time in Storybrooke all was going well until the evil Queen of Hearts caused misery and corrupted all the nursery rhymes in the land. Just when the village thought the Queen couldn't cause anymore damage she manages to sabotage the village talent show and cast a spell to trap Humpty Dumpty to the confines of a magic egg. Still not content with Humpty's continuous happiness she decides to push him from the wall in order to crack his egg into smithereens and disperses the pieces throughout the land. Luckily Fairy Mary manages to summon King Coles army to try and put Humpty together again.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/humpty-dumpty/>



## Magic of Science

**Sunday 21st April, 11am and 3pm**

This is your opportunity to surround yourself with the mystery of magic, cleverly fused with wondrous and miraculous feats of science. Hold on to your seats as the venue is transformed into a real-life science laboratory and lots of unbelievable "how did they do that!" moments. Experience non-stop action-packed interactive magical science experiments that will capture the imagination, a fast-moving and colourful magical science show, packed with mystery, suspense, and heaps of mess!

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/magic-of-science/>

