



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

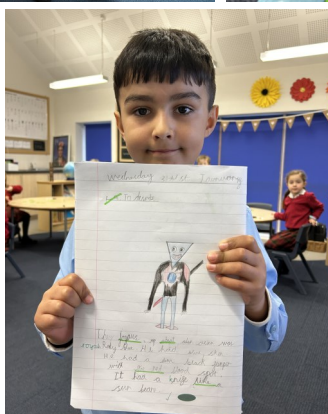
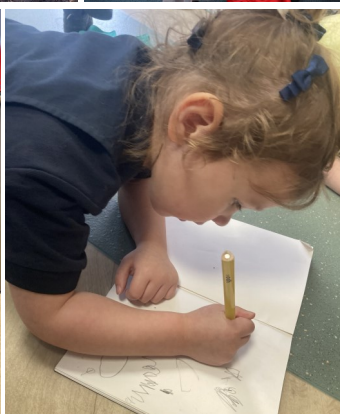
Mrs Speight's message ...

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We are rapidly approaching Steam Week and preparations are already well underway. Mrs Smith has spent a great deal of time researching topics and ideas for each year group to explore and investigate throughout the coming week. I thank her most sincerely in advance for her organisational skills and attention to detail. This important annual event is a wonderful learning experience for all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 and each and every one of them will gain not only knowledge of the chosen topic but also the opportunity to work collaboratively and gain new skills. I am very much looking forward to seeing what the children create and learn when I have the opportunity to visit the exhibition on the last afternoon before the half term holiday. I have noticed that the daylight is with us longer and I saw some daffodils peeping up through the soil in the Pre-Prep garden which must surely be a sign that spring is on its way. I thoroughly enjoyed Cinderella at the Senior School and having watched most of the principal actors and actresses pass through Pre-Prep to Prep to Senior School, this gave me a sense of tremendous pride. On a sporting note, I shall be accompanying the basketball trip to Newcastle Eagles on Friday night and I know that the Prep children will thoroughly enjoy this action packed game and perhaps it will spark interest for one of them to be a basketball player of the future!

Warmest wishes,

Joanne Speight Follow me on X: @YarmPrePrep 



Nursery

We love being creative in Nursery and trying new things. We have enjoyed using stencils, pens, pencils and paint to create some wonderful pictures.



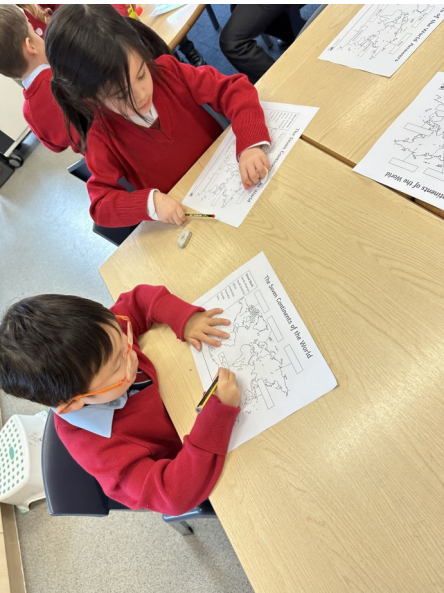
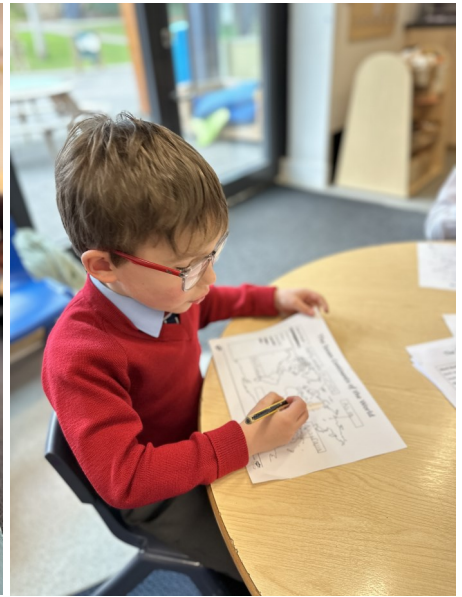
Chinese New Year

The Reception classrooms have been alive with festivities as the children prepared to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed writing their cards.



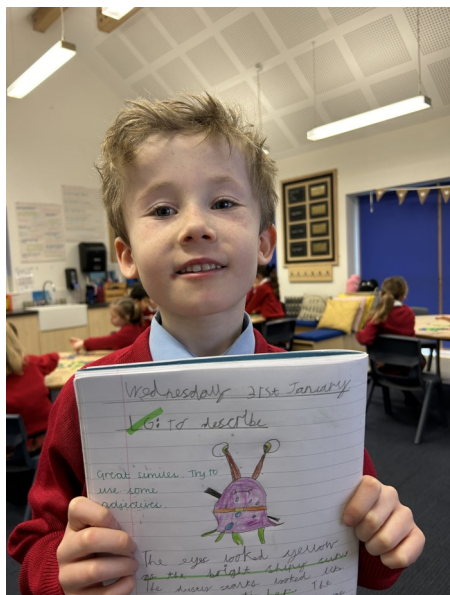
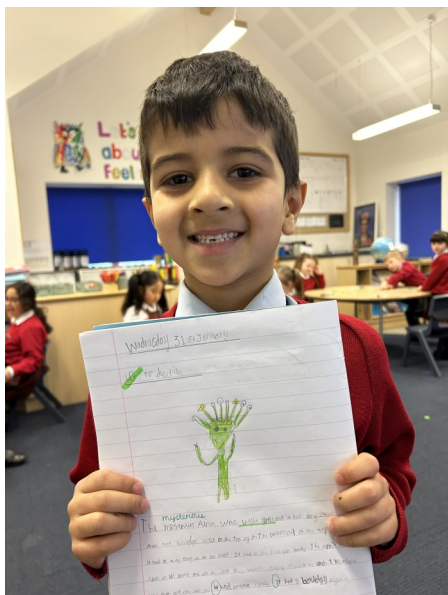
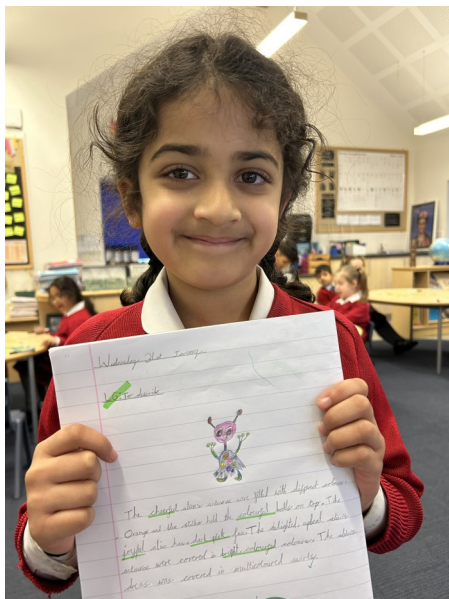
Marvellous Maps!

The Year 1 children have been learning about maps and the continents of the world. This was reinforced as they participated in a carousel to label the continents, looked in atlases, explored Google Earth and found out so much more about our world.



Space Aliens

The Year 2 children designed and created aliens from outer space. They started by drawing and describing their aliens using powerful adjectives, before bringing their designs to life in clay.





Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school for any reason (including medical appointments) you must inform Mrs Banham in the school office. She can then inform the class teacher and ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.

Dates For Your Diary

- 15/2/24**—Half term begins (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 miss the beginning of their phonics lesson.

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.



Holiday School 2024

Easter

Tuesday 2nd—Friday 5th April

Summer

Monday 15th July—Friday 2nd August

The booking form will be emailed out by Mr Simpson four weeks prior to each holiday school.



Car Park

Please park sensibly and safely at drop off and pick up times. Your support with this is very much appreciated.



Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

Saturday 24th February, 7.30pm

The Banff Mountain Film Festival features a brand-new collection of short films filled with extreme journeys, untamed characters and captivating cinematography! Join the world's top adventure filmmakers and thrill-seekers as they climb, ski, paddle and ride into the wildest corners of the planet! Experience an unforgettable evening of thrilling adventure – up on the big screen!

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/banff-mountain-film-festival-world-tour-red-festival/>



NT Live: The Motive and the Cue

Thursday 21st March, 7pm (Live stream)

Sam Mendes (The Lehman Trilogy) directs Mark Gatiss as John Gielgud and Johnny Flynn as Richard Burton in this fierce and funny new play. 1964: Richard Burton, newly married to Elizabeth Taylor, is to play the title role in an experimental new Broadway production of Hamlet under John Gielgud's exacting direction. But as rehearsals progress, two ages of theatre collide and the collaboration between actor and director soon threatens to unravel.

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The Mersey Beatles

Friday 12th April, 7.30pm

The world's favourite Liverpool-born tribute to The Beatles celebrate the 60th anniversary of A Hard Day's Night. The iconic 1964 album and movie perfectly captured the Fab Four at their pop peak. And to mark the diamond anniversary, The Mersey Beatles will play the entire A Hard Day's Night album in full – followed by a hit-packed collection of Beatlemania classics.

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