



# Little Phoenix

  
**YARM SCHOOL**  
EDUCATING FOR LIFE

## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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Mrs Smith launched STEAM week with a whoosh, like a rocket on Monday morning. Always a learning opportunity and a chance to explore onomatopoeia. I wonder whether the children can remember any other onomatopoeic words such as cuckoo? I was particularly impressed with the mouse habitats created by our Year 2 pupils and the text 'The Mousetronaut' supported this activity most effectively. Every child visited the planetarium too and there was great excitement to be heard as they visited the inflatable dome in the hall. As part of STEAM week, Liz Million attended and she always inspires our pupils to be illustrators. Who would have thought that all of her drawings start from a potato, bean or sausage shape? Never a dull moment in Pre-Prep, our Singing Sensations were treated to a Royal Opera House workshop which was based on The Magic Flute. Thank you to Nikki and Tom from Tees Valley Music Service for giving our youngest pupils such superb opportunities. We are very much looking forward to participating in The Big Sing with more members from the ROH in the near future. At the end of this half term, my thanks must go to all of the team for ensuring that every day is a fun day in Pre-Prep, they work tirelessly providing the most wonderful provision. Have a super, relaxing week and I look forward to seeing you at the end of February when the nights will be even lighter and spring will be just around the corner. Warmest wishes,

*Jeanne Speight* Follow me on X: @YarmPrePrep 





## STEAM Week

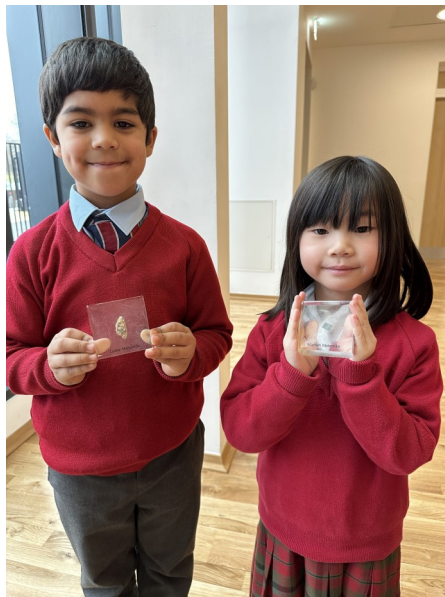
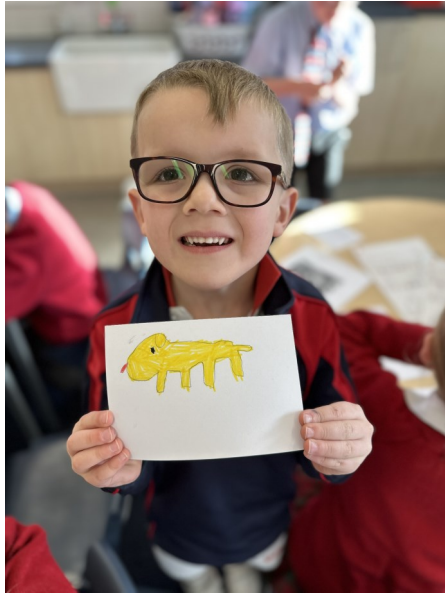
It was all systems go as the children in Reception learned more about rockets and space travel during STEAM Week. After designing their own rockets, they built models using boxes, bottles and cartons.





## STEAM Week

The Year 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed STEAM week. The Year 1 project was to create a moving picture based on the story 'Toys in Space'. They have drawn, cut and made; aliens with Liz Million, space ships, the moon, stars and spaceships!





## Planetarium

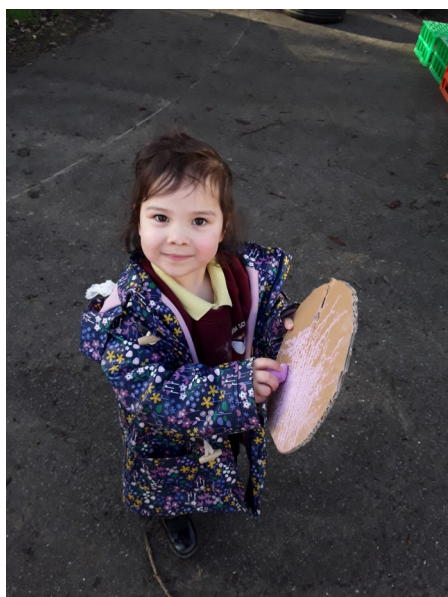
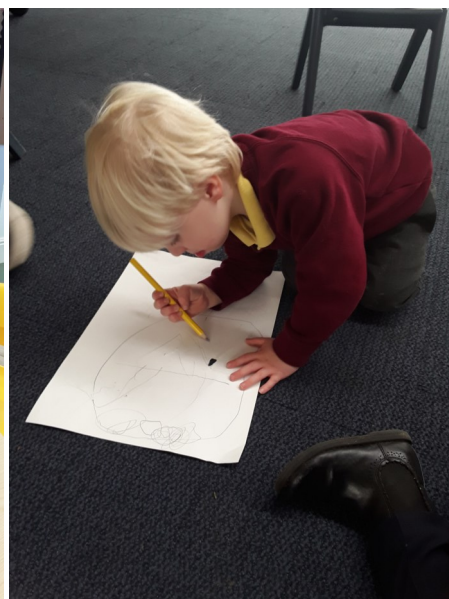
The Year 2 children have enjoyed such a wonderful STEAM week. They started the week with a visit to the planetarium, where they had the opportunity to use VR headsets, watch a show about life on Mars and dress up as astronauts.





## Space

The Nursery children have loved learning about space and the planets. We have made our own rockets and stars and enjoyed a super space themed workshop with artist Liz Million.





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Josephine

Raffy

Priya

Esmé

Hussain

Rose

Harrison

Dylan

Oliver

Albert

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 7th March. All children in Pre-Prep are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite story book character.

## 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

**26/2/24**—Y2 trip to the Centre for Life

**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

## 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.



## 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.

## **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/>

## **Happy Place**

**Saturday 9th March, 7.30pm**

Get down to your nearest Happy Place and leave your worries at the door. With over seven thousand locations nationwide, we create personalised realities at affordable prices.' Full of bombastic comedy, puppetry, physical theatre and live music, follow four strangers on an extraordinary journey as they find themselves locked inside their own Happy Place.

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## **Black Dyke Band and Yarm School - Handel's Messiah**

**Saturday 23rd March, 7pm**

We are delighted to announce that Yarm School and Black Dyke Band are coming together for one night to bring you Handel's Messiah. Handel's Messiah: the world famous Black Dyke Band will be joining Yarm School Choral Society, community chorus and Yarm Senior and Prep School Choirs in an extraordinary performance of this iconic work.

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