



# Little Phoenix




## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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**7th June 2024**

As I watch the children arrive at Pre-Prep after their half term break, I always look forward to hearing of their tales and adventures. Monday did not disappoint me as each and every child gave me a quick description about visits to the seaside, local landmarks and further afield. As this is the last half term in Pre-Prep for our Year 2 children, we have, of course, informed them that it will be the best ever! Yesterday, they enjoyed visiting the Prep School and participating in many activities with our Year 3 children acting as perfect hosts. This included French, sport, art, time on the Adventure Trail and a STEAM activity too. Our Nursery children, who will soon be in Reception, are also enjoying their own transition activities by walking to the Prep Hall for their lunches every day. They are now familiar with this routine and approach the serving hatch with such confidence. Sports Day preparations are in full swing with Mr Simpson organising sporting activities which ensure that each and every child participates in a wide variety of fun events. Mrs Barton and Mrs Cardwell have enjoyed hearing the children sing their end of year song, which gave me goosebumps, you are all in for a real treat. A Year 2 ambassador reliably informed me that we only had another 3 Thursdays or  $19 \frac{1}{2}$  days left in school before they were in Year 3. Time definitely flies when you are having fun. Have a lovely weekend, I look forward to seeing some of you at chess tomorrow. Warmest wishes,

*Joanne Speight*

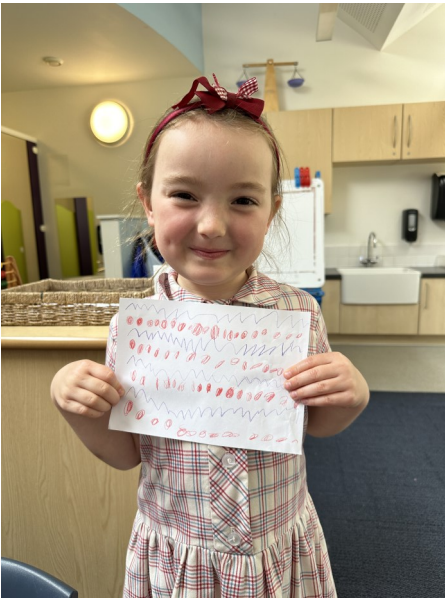
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## Patterns

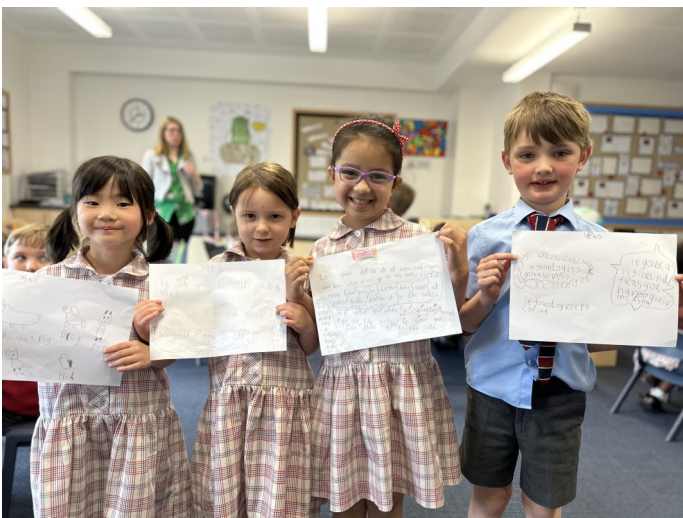
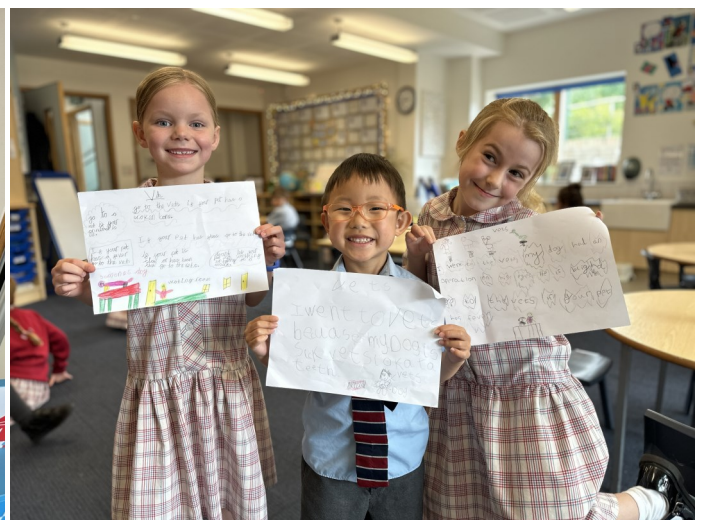
The children in Reception have been looking at repeating patterns during their maths lessons. They have been thinking of increasingly complex ways to sequence objects in linear and circular patterns.





## Vets

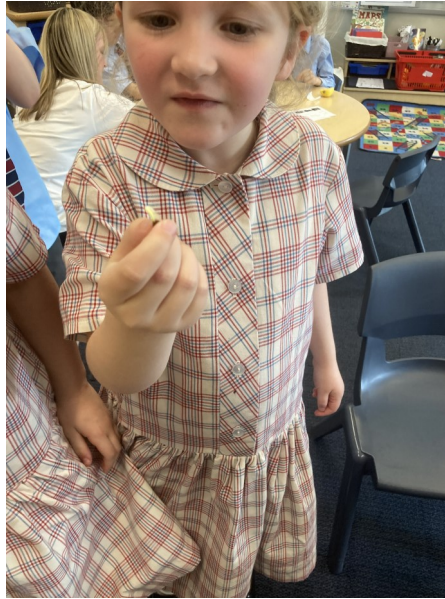
The children have been learning about the life of James Herriot, as part of our 'Local Landmarks and Legends' topic. They made posters to advertise their own vets surgery with bright bold colours and pictures. All of the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in this new role play area.





## Cutting Fruit

In science, the Year 2 children have been cutting fruit and vegetables, removing the seeds and planting them in preparation for germination. Fingers crossed!





## Nursery

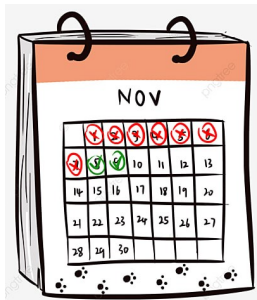
We can't believe that it is the final half term in Nursery for our N2 children. They are all showing us that they are getting ready for Reception: sitting smartly, listening to stories and using their cutlery at lunchtime. They are also looking forward to welcoming Daddies and Grandads next Friday for our stay and play event.







[You can find the Yarm School Calendar by clicking here](#)



#### Dates For Your Diary

- 14/6/24**—Bring Dads/Grandads to school
- 19/6/24**—Nursery Sports Afternoon 1.30pm
- 19/6/24**—Reports released to parents at 4pm
- 20/6/24**—Nursery new starters Information Evening
- 21/6/24**—Summer Fair 2.30pm
- 24/6/24**—Induction morning
- 24/6/24**—Welcome to Reception Evening 7pm
- 25/6/24**—Reception Musical Showcase 9.30am
- 25/6/24**—Nursery Musical Showcase 10.30am
- 26/6/24**—Pre-Prep Sports Morning
- 1/7/24**—Pre-Prep end of year celebration
- 3/7/24**—Nursery end of year celebration
- 4/7/24**—School finishes at 12 noon (no after school care)

#### Car Park

In the interests of safety, please do **not** allow your children to play on the grassy banks near to the car park. Thank you for your cooperation.



#### Bring Your Dads to School—Friday 14th June

A chance for dads (and granddads!) or a special grown up to attend school to join in with lots of activities! Year 1 and Year 2 takes place from 8.45-10.30am; Nursery and Reception from 1.30-3.00pm.

#### Sports Day

- 19/6/24—N1 and N2 1.30pm
- 26/6/24— Reception 9am
- 26/6/24—Y1 and Y2 10am

#### Potential Disruption

Members of the school community may have noticed some fencing and construction traffic around Green Lane. ESH, a contractor working for Northumbrian Water, are installing a sewage pipe from Kirklevington Sewage Treatment Works to Conyers School which involves passing through our Green Lane playing fields. We anticipate minimal disruption to our pitches.

#### Summer Holiday School!

**Monday 15th July—**

**Friday 2nd August**

The timetable and booking form will be emailed out by Mr Simpson in the coming weeks.





## **Money for Nothing**

**Tuesday 16th July, 7.30pm**

Money for Nothing was formed in 2000 as a tribute to one of the world's premier rock bands – Dire Straits.

The abundant energy and the excellence and musicality of their performance makes Money For Nothing a “must see” for any rock enthusiast or Dire Straits fan.

The line-up features top-class and experienced musicians that make this band a worthy tribute to Dire Straits.

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



## **Andre Rieu's 2024 Maastricht Concert: Power of Love**

**Saturday 31st August, 7pm and Sunday 1st September, 3pm**

Live stream favourite returns: André Rieu is ready to blow you away with his brand new cinema concert 'Power of Love'.

From his picturesque hometown of Maastricht The King of the Waltz presents a must-see big screen spectacular.

Accompanied by his world famous Johann Strauss Orchestra and a cast of hundreds this promises to be the music event of the summer by one of the world's most prolific artists.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/ar2024pol/>



## **Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour**

**Saturday 14th September, 7.30pm**

Experience an unforgettable evening of thrilling adventure – up on the big screen! The Banff Mountain Film Festival features a brand-new collection of short films filled with extreme journeys, untamed characters and captivating cinematography!

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

