

# Little Phoenix YARM SCHOOL EDUCATING FOR LIFE



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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Happy half term! Please do look at the montage of photographs on the 1st page of the Little Phoenix as it gives a real flavour of a week in the life of a Pre-Prep pupil. From litter picking in Reception, writing in Year 1 and the train journey to see the sights in Edinburgh. It was lovely to hear from our parents on Wednesday morning their child's perspective of their grand day out. I think the top three special moments were; high fiving a soldier at the castle for the ceremonial changing of the guard. Grey Friars Bobby and having tea at Pizza Express. It was a pleasure and privilege to accompany the children as their manners were exemplary and they were also extremely good company. I always love the many facts and questions the children share with me and although it was a long day, it was great preparation for their first residential (overnight stay) in Year 3. The weather was also kind to us albeit grey and cold. I understand that back in Yarm, it was a rainy day on Tuesday, however, Wednesday certainly facilitated the Nursery children to go and splash in the puddles as the rain fell heavily almost continuously all day and those puddles were very exciting. I am reminded of the saying that 'there's no such thing as bad weather but more incorrect clothing.' I believe that some areas in the county have had more rain in one day than the average monthly rainfall. Have a wonderful half term with friends and family. One pupil on the way back from Edinburgh reliably informed me that after half term she only had 26 ½ days left in Year 2. Where does the time go ...?

Warmest wishes.





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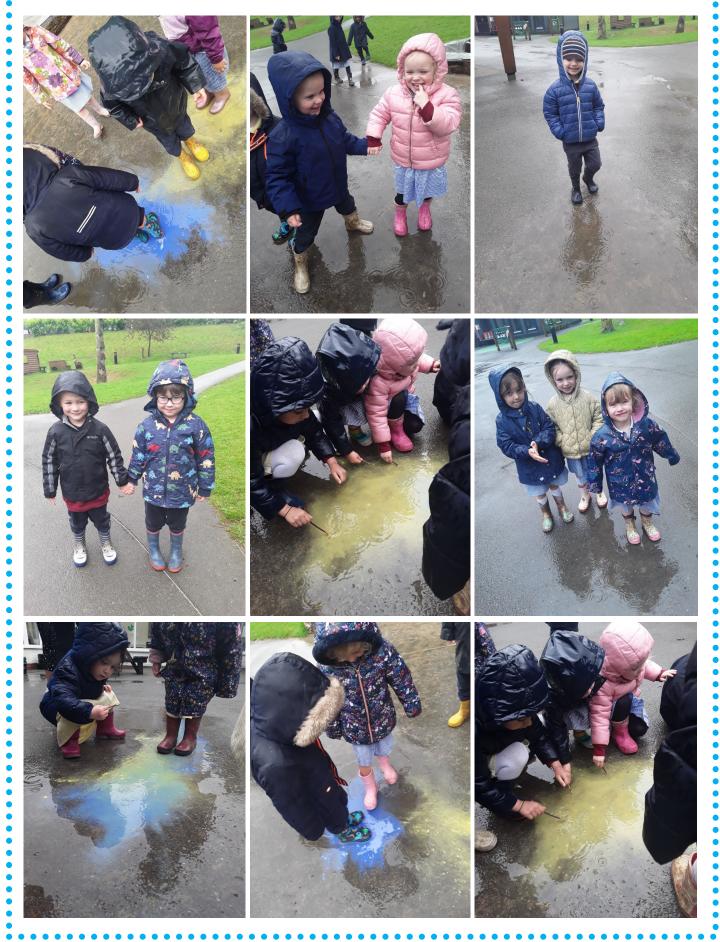






## **Splish Splash**

Whatever the weather, the Nursery children love to be outside. The children are super speedy at popping on their coats and wellies. We have enjoyed catching the rain in our mouths, investigating water falling down drain pipes and using powder paint to create colourful puddles.



## **Marske Beach**

The children in RD spent a wonderful day on Marske beach last Friday. The day began with the important task of picking up litter and learning how beneficial this is to all creatures living in this environment. Then it was picnics, sandcastles, digging and spotting fossils.

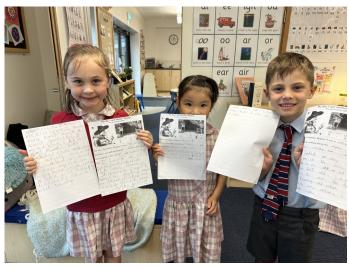


## **Mother Shipton**

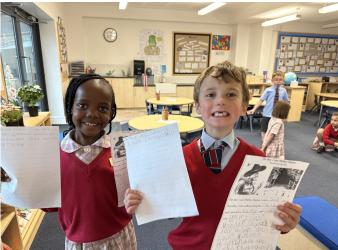
As part of our topic 'Local Landmarks and Legends' the Year 1 children have been looking into the interesting life and legacy of Mother Shipton. They thought about whether she was a witch and then wrote an account of what would happen if they met her, using interesting adjectives and similes.













# **Edinburgh**

Year 2 had an amazing time in Edinburgh seeing the sights including: Edinburgh Castle, Greyfriars Bobby, The Scottish National Museum and Pizza Express.





# **Dates For Your Diary**

3/6/24—Pupils return to school

6/6/24—Y2/3 Transition Morning

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

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)

# **Summer Fair Hampers**

Items for this year's
Summer Fair hampers can
be brought into school from
10th—20th June. Please do
not bring items in before
this date.



#### **Summer Holiday School**

Monday 15th July— Friday 2nd August

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





# Milkshake Live—On Holiday

# Sunday 21st July 12pm and 3.30pm

Join your favourite Milkshake! friends on Holiday with Dora,
Pip and Posey, Blue from Blues Clues and You! Milo, Milkshake!
Monkey plus two of your Milkshake! presenters for an all-new
adventure! We are also delighted to announce that
NICKELODEON is adding TWO PAW PATROL CHARACTERS
MARSHALL and CHASE into the show just for this year,
prior to PAW PATROL doing a Stadium tour in 2025.



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#### Science Museum Live on Tour

# Sunday 28th July, 12pm and 3.30pm

This year join London's world-renowned Science Museum as they bring you this brand-new stage production aimed at igniting your curiosity, fuelling your imagination, and inspiring you in new and exciting ways.

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# Emma Kenny—Killer Cults

# Sunday 1st September, 7.30pm

Following on from the success of her 'Serial Killer Next Door' tour, psychology expert EMMA KENNY continues her journey into true crime and explores the mysterious and manipulative world of cults. How can ordinary people, living normal lives, choose to leave their families, friends and everything they have ever known to join a cult? What is it about the power and allure of cult leaders that makes them able to control the minds of their members? And why do these so-called spiritual leaders turn into malevolent murderers?

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