



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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**20th September 2024**

As we come to the end of our third week in school, I have noticed that the leaves have started to fall, the mornings are darker and autumn is certainly on the way. The weather has been cold in the morning but the days have been warm with the children enjoying the late summer sun. Woodland School is often a keen topic of conversation for many children and they clearly enjoy the trek to the woods and the activities in which they participate. Mr Pearce leads these sessions for all of our Pre-Prep children and his enthusiasm for the great outdoors is infectious. Whether it is wet, dry, sunny or snowy, every child from Reception to Year 2 goes across the road for a woodland adventure. There are many opportunities for the children to take their learning outside from sorting leaves to den building and so many areas of the curriculum evident. Sometimes there is a campfire lit and the children drink hot chocolate and enjoy each other's company. Sssshh, don't tell the children but Mr Pearce has requested even more hot chocolate for future sessions! I look forward to seeing many of you at the Stokesley Show. Our stand has the usual yummy cookies, art activities, face painting and guess the name of the teddy. It is always a lovely occasion where staff, pupils (past and present) have the opportunity to have a lovely catch up and reminisce about their days in school. Have a lovely weekend, warmest wishes.

*Jeanne Speight*

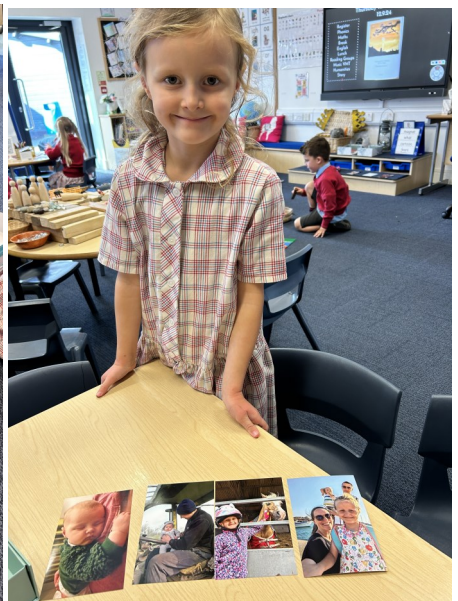


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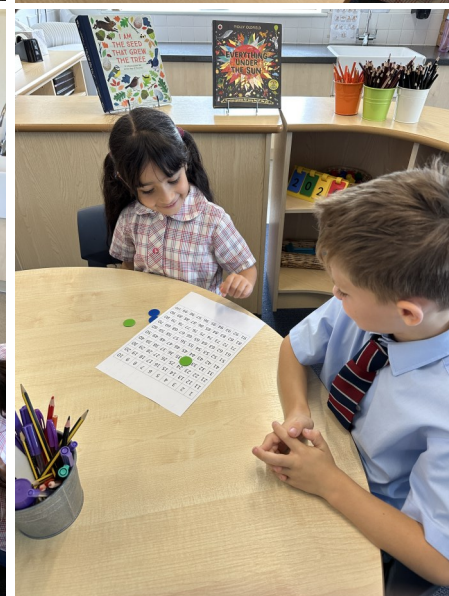
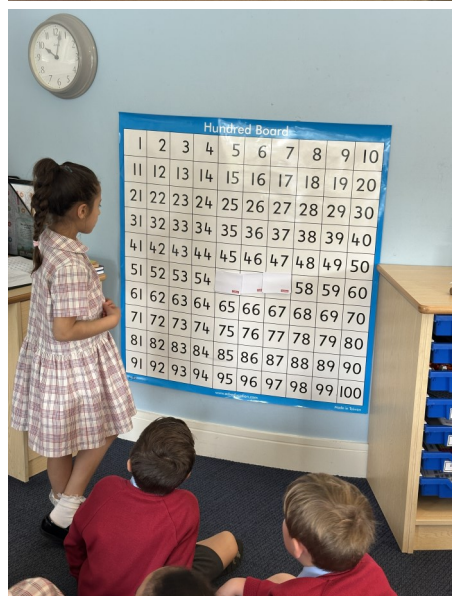
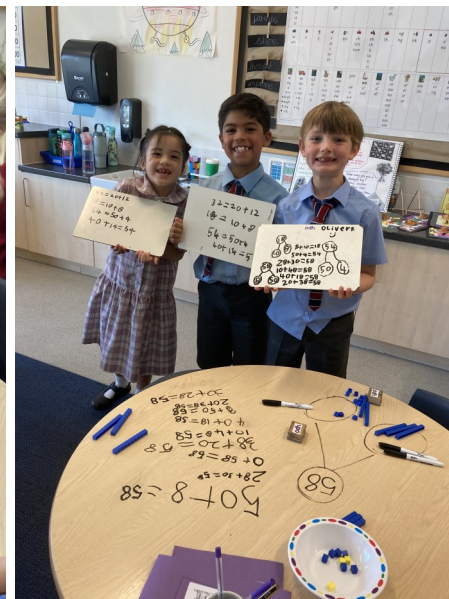
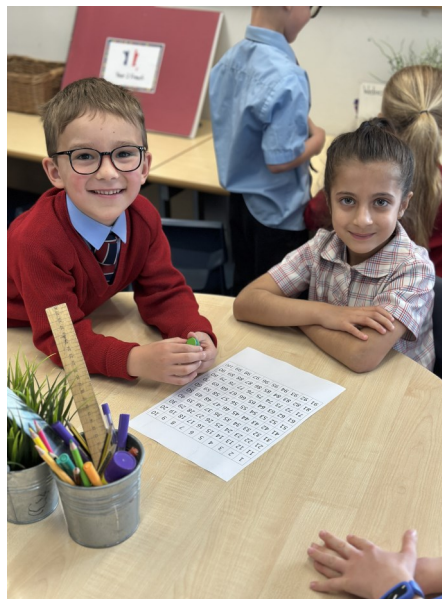
## Timelines

The children in Year 1 have been thinking about their personal histories during Humanities lessons. They have thoroughly enjoyed creating timelines, using the memory boxes they brought into school with many precious memories being recalled.



## Place Value

As part of their maths lessons, the children in Year 2 have been further investigating place value. They looked at a 100 square and used their knowledge of tens and ones to determine which numbers were missing.



## First Signs of Autumn

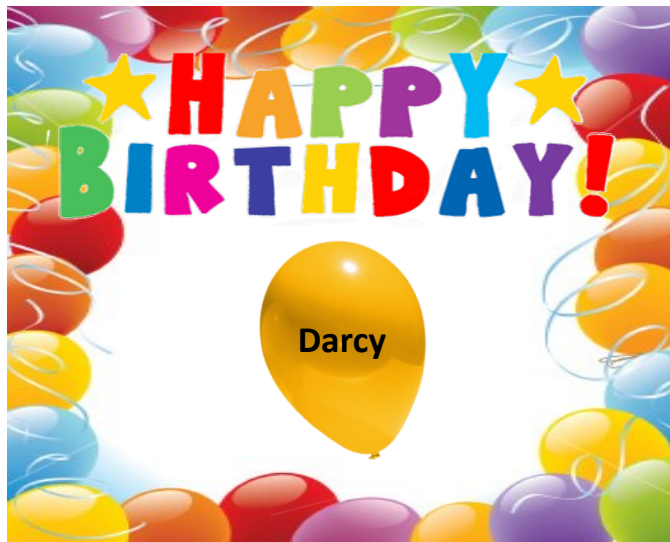
The Nursery children loved exploring the woodland area at the Senior School. They popped on their wellies and were ready for an adventure. There were already lots of treasures to be found including conkers, acorns and feathers. We are eagerly anticipating the start of Autumn this weekend.



## New Skills

We have continued to develop so many new skills. The children have been working on their hammering skills at the workbench and learning how to work safely. Just look at our name trains! A carriage for each letter - super counting and writing skills.





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Donations of good condition, clean uniform and PE & Games items accepted all year. Kindly bag them and label them with 'YPSSC PreLoved Donations' and drop them at either Pre Prep, Prep or Senior School Reception.

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**Harvest  
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- Small Fruit juice/Squash
- Tinned fruit/tinned veg
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned rice pudding/Custard
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When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

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Wednesday 2nd October 2024 by 9am



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## Astro Talk—The Scale of the Universe

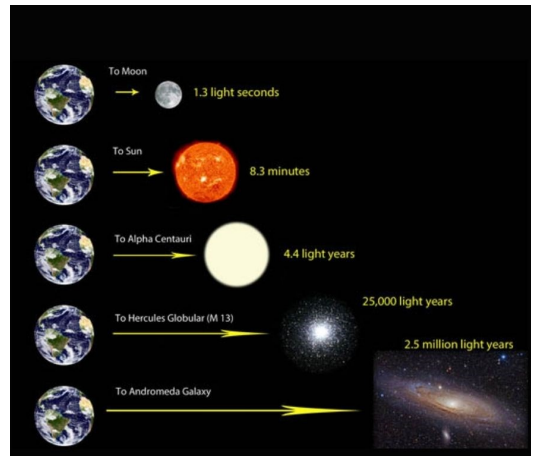
**Tuesday 15th October, 7pm**

The Scale of the Universe – how big is the universe and how far can we see with our most powerful telescopes.

We will discuss how far away objects are that we see in the night sky – from the moon, to the most distant galaxies.

We will also explain how these distances were deduced. No previous knowledge of astronomy or science is required.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/astronomy-talks-the-scale-of-the-universe/>



## Bay City Rollermania

**Sunday 20th October, 7pm**

The remaining band members of Les McKeowns Bay City Rollers reunite to play the songs, tell the tales and re-live life on the road. Remaining band members Phil Hendriks, Darren Lee, Scott McGowan, Nick Gornall and Alex Southgate re-group to play all the hits and more from their years of touring with Les. Remembering the hits such as Shang-A-Lang Give A Little Love, I Only Want To Be With You, Summer Love Sensation and of course Bye Bye Baby will be extra poignant.

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## How to Be Brave

**Wednesday 23rd October, 7.30pm**

In 1943 Colin Armitage's ship was torpedoed in the South Atlantic. He and 13 others scrambled aboard a life raft. 50 days later HMS Rapid rescued him, only he and one other still alive.

Colin was the grandfather of Louise Beech, the playwright. 64 years after his ordeal Louise's daughter, Katy, was diagnosed with diabetes. In order to distract her during insulin injections Louise began to tell the story of Colin's bravery and determination to survive.

Katy has said that Grandpa Colin's story inspired her to carry on when she wanted to give up and die: "If Grandpa Colin can survive an ordeal like that, I can do anything. I can do these injections".

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