



Little Phoenix



The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

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Mrs Speight's message ...

As I am sitting in my office writing the newsletter I am reminded how fortunate we are to be in a lovely school, supported by one another with warm houses and plenty of food to share. Last Friday, this truly resonated with me when we were visited by The Trussell Trust. We learned that not very far away so many people are accessing their services which includes offering advice and of course vital food parcels. This led me to think of our School Values, particularly compassion and how well our school community responded to our request for various food types and household items. I am sure you will agree that it is important to teach our children about charity, what it means and to begin to demonstrate empathy by supporting people in our local area. Thank you very much for your most generous donations because for some families your kindness will have made a huge difference. I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you at our first Consultation Evenings of the academic year next week but in the meantime, have a super weekend and let's hope that the rain stops so that we can enjoy lots of fresh air. Warmest wishes,

Jeanne Speight



Tes Schools Awards 2024
Winner
Independent Prep School of the Year



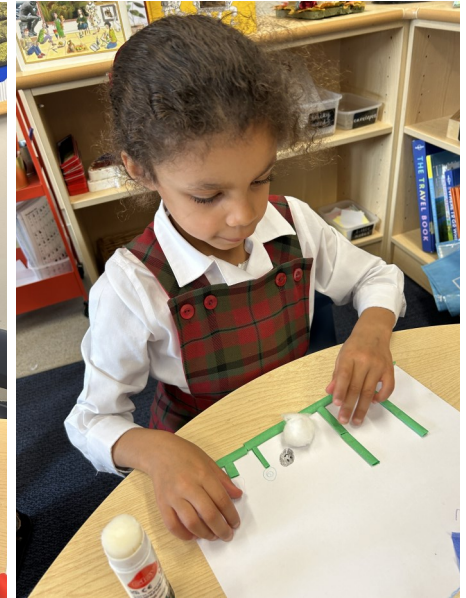
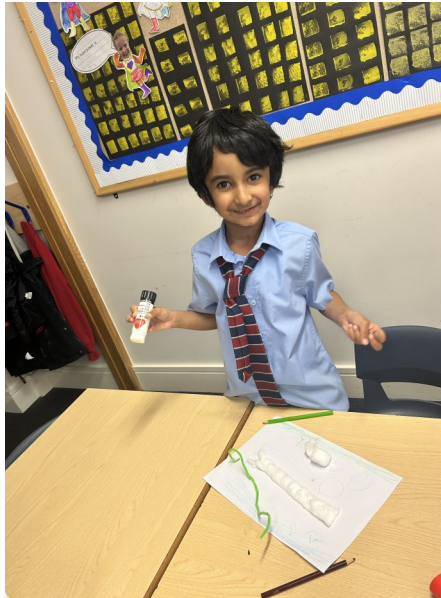
Ormesby Hall

The Reception children had a wonderful time exploring Ormesby Hall in the autumn sunshine. We thoroughly enjoyed finding out about how life was different in the olden days, trying on the spooky costumes and honing our climbing skills in the adventure playground.



Creation Pictures

During recent R.E lessons our topic has been 'How Did The World Begin?' We have discussed many creation stories from different religions. The children were asked to create a picture, using a variety of art materials, depicting how the world began. Well done, Year 1.



Toy Shop

The children in Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their P.E. lessons this week. They played a game where they earned 'money' to spend at a 'toy shop'.



Nursery

It has been a hive of activity in Nursery. We have thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors, despite the rain. The children worked together to build scarecrows after reading 'The Scarecrows Wedding'. When inside, they have been building, drawing, exploring natural objects and of course playing with their friends. We can't wait to celebrate Halloween next week!





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.

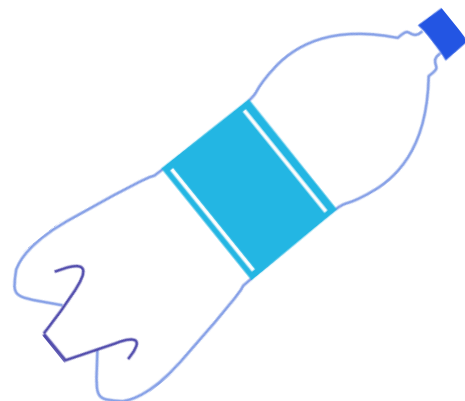
Your support in this area will help to reduce the spread of Infection in school.



Plastic Bottles

Mrs Smith would be grateful for any donations of clear plastic empty 2 litre drinks bottles.

Thank you.



Holiday School Dates 2024/25

- October—21st to 25th October (5 days)
- Christmas—16th to 20th December (5 days)
- Easter—7th to 11th April (5 days)
- Summer—14th July to 1st August (15 days)

Reading Books

Please could we kindly ask that you have a look at home to see whether you have any Little Wandle reading practice books that belong to school. Should you find any, please do return these to school.

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly

Tuesday 29th October, 2pm

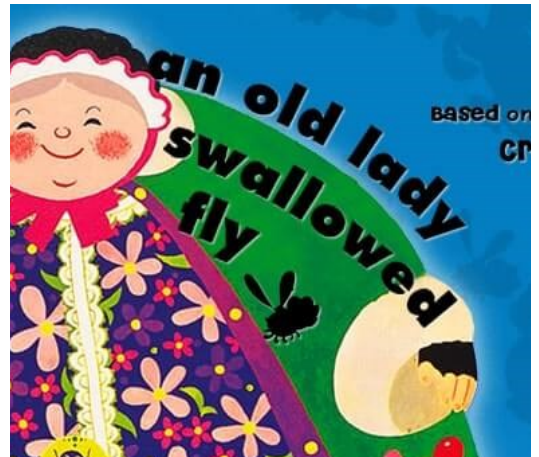
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly. I don't know why she swallowed a fly...

But The People's Theatre Company do!

And now you can too as they bring the world's best loved nonsense rhyme to life with a delicious blend of live action, puppetry and animation.

It's the perfect treat for everyone aged 3 to 103!

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/there-was-an-old-lady-who-swallowed-a-fly/>



Santa and the Race to Save Christmas

Saturday 14th—Sunday 15th December

Christmas is fast approaching, and all is going well in Santa's workshop as Mrs Claus and the elves busily prepare for the big night. The presents are wrapped and the reindeers have completed their training then suddenly disaster strikes! As newly qualified reindeer Rosy gets in a jolly pickle!

Crisis hits the North Pole, what is Santa going to do? How will he deliver everyone's presents?

Will Santa and the gang manage to find a solution in order for the sleigh to set off in time for Christmas eve?

Will everyone live happily after?

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



The Dinosaur that Pooped

Wednesday 26th February, 12.30pm, 3.30pm

When Danny and Dino's favourite rock band are playing their last ever concert, they go on a quest to get the last two tickets.

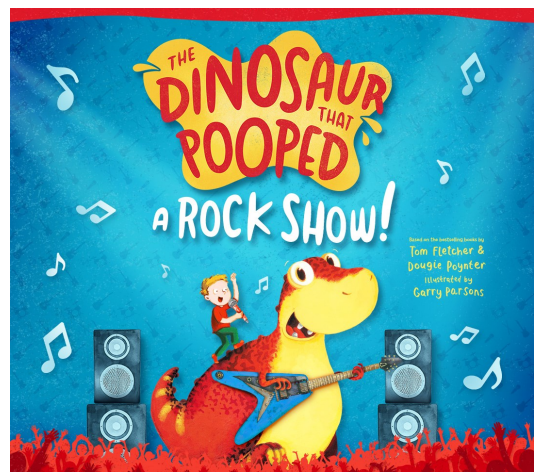
But with a villainous band manager lurking, nothing goes to plan. Will the band perform?

Will Danny rock out? Or will Dino's rumbling tummy save the day? Adapted from the number 1 best-selling books by Tom

Fletcher and Dougie Poynter, the whole family will have a poopy good time enjoying a brand, new story for the stage.

Featuring new songs by Tom and Dougie, a lot of laughs and a whole lot of poo!

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Yarm School Association

CHRISTMAS INDOOR MARKET

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

10AM - 4PM, YARM SCHOOL

ADULTS £4, CHILDREN FREE
PAY ON THE DOOR

SANTA'S GROTTTO
CRAFT STALLS
UNIQUE GIFTS
FOOD & DRINK
CHILDREN'S GAMES