



# Little Phoenix

## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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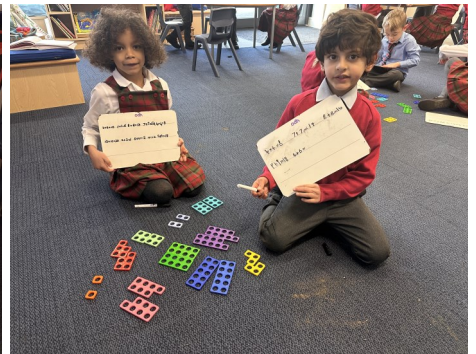
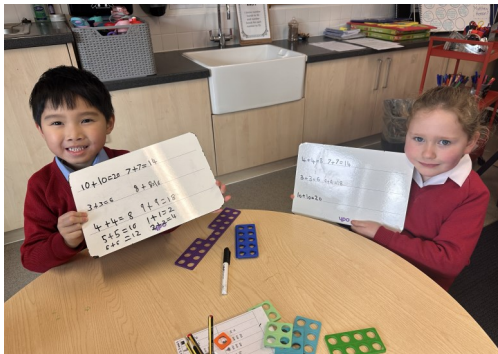
31st January 2025

As I write this on the last day of January, I have already noticed a change in our daylight hours. It's lovely for the children in After School Care to go out to play for a little longer as it is still light at 4 o'clock. Celebrating The Year of the Snake and the Chinese New Year caused great excitement on Wednesday with many children wearing traditional dress or an item of red clothing. Thanks to the Social Committee for their informative assembly and Pippa for ensuring we had a delicious lunch. Your donations have enabled us to raise money for St Teresa's Hospice. The children in Reception were keen to make Chinese dragons when visiting the woods. Launching many new sharing books enthused the children and they have been reliably informed that more books will be arriving shortly as Roald Dahl said "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." Both the Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed their music lessons and have been learning about musical notation. Have a wonderful relaxing weekend, the first of February!

*Jeanne Speight*



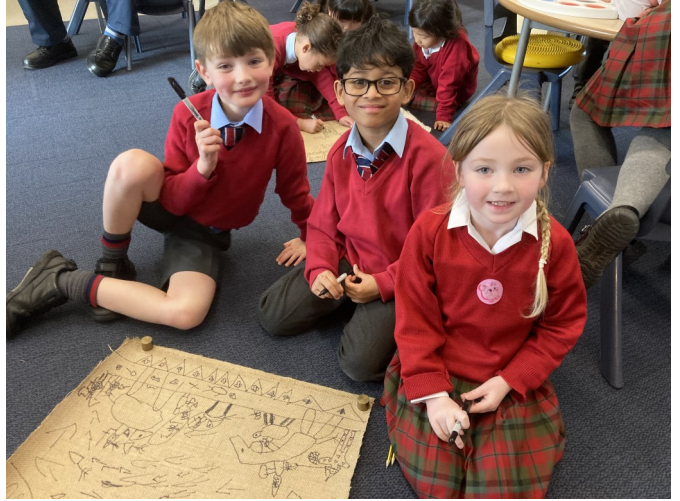
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## What is a Monarch?

As part of their history topic "What is a monarch?" the children in Year 2 have been learning more about William The Conqueror. They created their own Bayeux Tapestry to retell the story of The Battle of Hastings.





## Chinese New Year

Our Nursery children have been learning about Chinese New Year. They enjoyed listening to the story 'I Love Chinese New Year' by Carlos Gu, which introduced them to the exciting traditions of this special celebration. In addition, they had the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun craft activities, exploring themes related to this celebration. It's been a wonderful week of learning, creativity and music.





## Happy Chinese New Year!

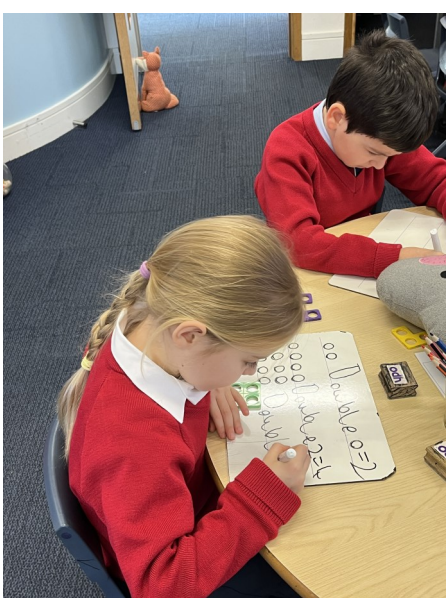
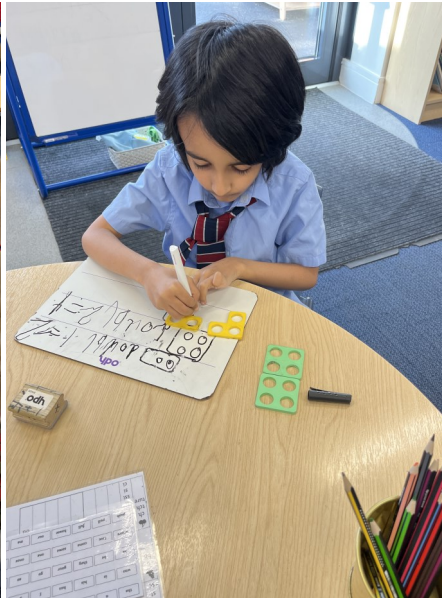
The Reception children have been busy preparing for Chinese New Year; cleaning the home, making dumplings, sending notes and decorating the classroom. We hope the year of the snake is a happy one.



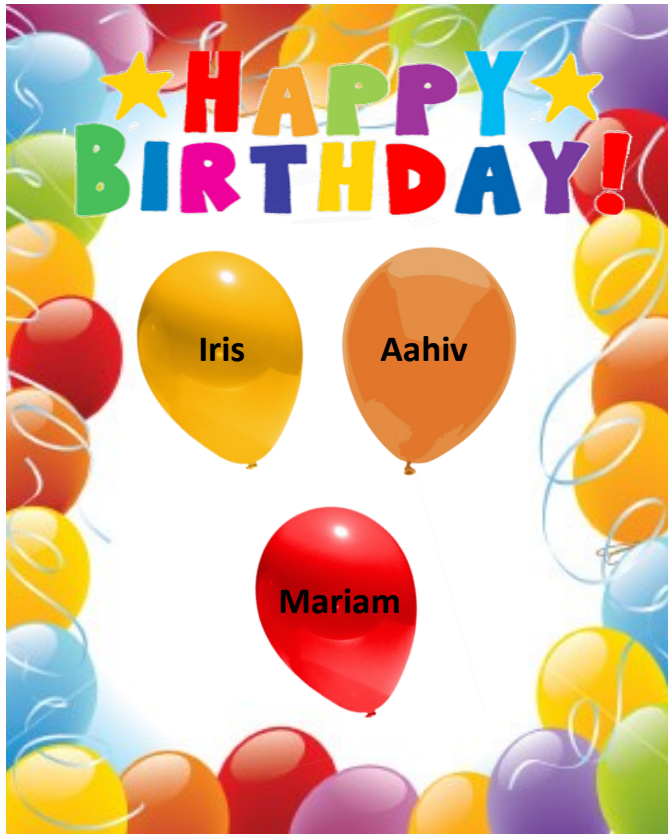


## Double The Fun

The Year One children have been busy revisiting their doubles to ten. The children took part in several practical activities, using Numicon to support their understanding of this concept. A super effort from everybody.







### Term Dates

#### Spring Term, 2025

Pupils Return	Monday, 6th January 2025
Half Term Begins	Thursday, 20th February 2025 (after school)
INSET	Friday, 21st February 2025
Pupils Return	Monday, 3rd March 2025
Finish	Friday, 4th April 2025 (after school)

#### Summer Term, 2025

Pupils Return	Wednesday, 23rd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday, 5th May 2025
Half Term Begins	Thursday, 22nd May 2025 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday, 2nd June 2025
Finish	Thursday, 3rd July 2025 (after Prize Giving)

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



Reduce- Reuse- Recycle

### **New Pre-Loved Uniform Shed!**

YPSSC are excited to announce our Pre-Loved Uniform Shed is officially up and running!

**We are located near to the entrance for Nursery on the Pre Prep site.**



**We provide & Collect Pre-Loved Uniform**

**Summer- Winter – PE – Games – Accessories**

**Nursery, Pre-Prep, Prep, Senior & Sixth Form**

Come and have a browse-The shed will be manned periodically throughout the week by volunteers and enquiries can still be sent by email or **classlist**.

[ypssc@yarmschool.org](mailto:ypssc@yarmschool.org)

Ypssc.co.uk

### **Give the Pre-Loved Uniform Shed a Name!**

We are running a competition to give our new uniform shed a name! To enter, use one of the suggestion boxes on Mrs Banham's or Mrs White's desks, or [fill in the Google Form here](#). The best names selected by the committee will go forward to a vote! Get those thinking caps on!

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### **Holiday School Dates 2025**

Easter—7th to 11th April (5 days)

Summer—14th July to 1st August (15 days)





## **New on sale this week: An Audience with Ricky Tomlinson**

**Monday 14th April, 7.30pm**

From Brookside to the Royle Family and his iconic role as Mike Bassett, Ricky Tomlinson has been everpresent in scouse living rooms for more than 40 years.

Join us as Ricky Tomlinson, alongside special guest host Asa Murphy, delivers an unmissable audience with style event, filled with stories from his glittering career in show business, plenty of laughs and an audience Q&A.

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



## **Let's Hear it for the Girls**

**Saturday 10th May, 7.30pm**

Dig out your sparkles and dancing shoes, and indulge yourself for over two hours of music with the girls, as we celebrate the music of ABBA, Chaka Khan, Beyoncé, LaBelle, Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin, Shania Twain, Sister Sledge, The Bangles, Alanis Morissette, Lady Gaga and so much more!

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## **Movie Musicals**

**Wednesday 18th April, 7.30pm**

Get ready for a dazzling celebration of the most iconic movie musicals ever brought to the big screen! This spectacular live performance will take you on a journey through beloved cult classics and modern favourites, featuring show-stopping numbers from Wicked, Dirty Dancing, Moulin Rouge, Mamma Mia, Little Shop of Horrors, Rocky Horror, Hairspray, Chicago, and many more.

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