

Class Updates - 23.05.2025

Reception Butterflies update



Another half term is finished and we've managed to squeeze in a lot of learning! This week we have been reading Oliver's Fruit Salad and thinking more about healthy eating. We had a fun afternoon making and eating fruit kebabs and have been writing recipes in English.

We are looking at subtraction skills in Maths and have been using Maths equipment to work out what has been taken away. We are beginning to learn how to record sums using mathematical symbols.

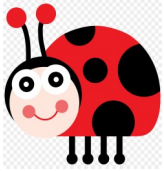
We visited St Mary's church on Wednesday as part of our RE topic learning about special places. The children were very calm and respectful in the church and reflected very well on why a church can be a special place to Christians. They walked so smartly to the church that a member of the public commented on their beautiful behaviour. Well done Butterflies, we couldn't be prouder!

We have also been learning about the importance of keeping ourselves safe, following the NSPCC 'Speak out. Stay safe' campaign. The children have learned that they have the right to be safe and we talked about trusted adults who they can speak to at home and school if they ever feel worried.

Have a restful half term Butterflies! See you in a week!



Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Marks and Miss Brighten

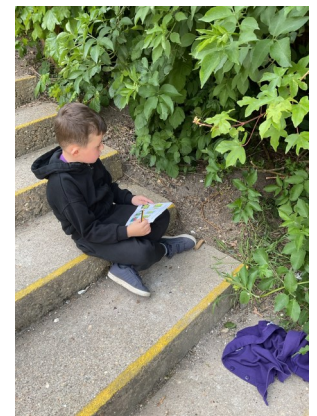


Year 1 Ladybirds Update

In science this week, we observed the leaves on the trees closely to identify what type of tree it was. We used our leaf identifier to help us. In Forest School last week, we did some digging in the eco garden. We dug up the potatoes we planted earlier in the year. We had fun swinging and climbing the trees and went on a Gruffalo walk. All of the characters were hidden for us to find. In history, we learnt about Matthew Henson's achievements as an arctic explorer and placed his biggest achievements on a timeline. We chose our favourite part and wrote what we thought he would have been thinking at the time of the picture being taken. Have a restful, fun half term!!



Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg



Year 2 Caterpillars Update



This week in Year 2, we've been busy exploring and learning across a range of exciting subjects!

In **Maths**, the children have been learning how to measure weight using grams. They enjoyed using scales to weigh different classroom items and recording their findings accurately. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm as they compared and discussed the weights of different objects!

In **English**, we have been focusing on diary writing. The children wrote thoughtful and imaginative diary entries from the perspective of a refugee, considering what it might feel like to leave home and face new experiences. Their writing showed great empathy and understanding.

In **Science**, we continued to look at plants and what they need in order to survive. The purpose of the lesson this week was to look at the lifecycle of a plant and pollination. The children were excellent in creating their own diagrams to show this process.

In **Topic**, we wrapped up our history unit on flight. We've traced the journey of flight from the early attempts with hot air balloons and gliders all the way to space travel! The children were especially fascinated by astronauts and rockets.

In **RE**, we have been learning about **Passover**. The children learned about the special meal, the symbolism of each food item, and why it is such an important celebration in the Jewish faith.

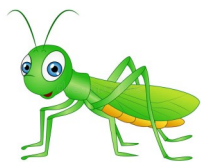
Well done to Year 2 for another wonderful week of learning and curiosity!

Best wishes,

Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



Another super busy week in Grasshoppers! In Maths, we moved onto identifying coins and then making different amounts in different ways. We then began adding amounts together. After Half Term, we will be working out giving change.

In English, we have been describing different experiences and using a success criteria to make sure we include evidence of the skills we have been learning, including: prepositions, adverbs and fronted adverbials.

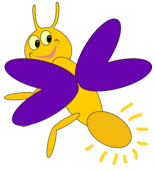
In Science, we looked at the human skeleton and built skeletons using a colour coded key. In R.E, the children continued creating their Pentecost art. These look great all together on our R.E. board—although we did have a case of missing pieces that is yet to be solved!

In History, we looked at different prehistoric artefacts and the class had to make predications about what their uses could be and what they told us about the man whom they were found with.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye



Year 4 Fireflies Update



In Maths this week, Year 4 have completed their Money unit. The children learnt how to budget carefully, add and subtract amounts of money, and work out how much change they would receive when shopping. Pupils also learned how to create a simple budget, making decisions on how best to spend a limited amount of money. This encouraged thoughtful discussions about needs versus wants, saving money, and making smart spending choices.

In **RE** this term, we are learning about different Christian ceremonies from around the world. The children have been exploring how Christians in various countries celebrate important events such as baptisms, weddings, and Easter.

In **Science** this week, Year 4 have been learning how to use thermometers to measure and record temperature. The children explored how to read a thermometer accurately. They carried out investigations to measure the temperature of water at different stages – cold and warm– and also observed changes in air temperature throughout the day.

Also this week, the children from Year 4 went on an exciting **school trip** to the local farm. The sun was shining as the class arrived, full of energy and curiosity. One of the highlights of the visit was the reptile area, where the children saw snakes, lizards, and even a tortoise up close. Some were a little nervous at first, but most were fascinated by the scaly creatures.

Afterwards, they went to the petting area, where they had the chance to stroke some friendly goats. The goats were gentle and enjoyed the attention, nibbling on hay while the children laughed and stroked their soft fur. It was a fun and educational day, full of new experiences. Everyone returned to school tired but happy, with lots of stories to share about the animals they had met.

Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys

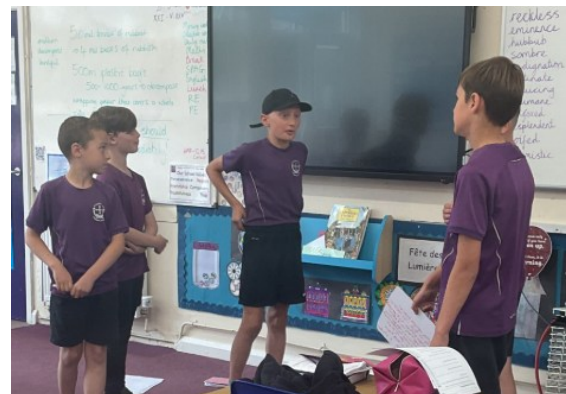


Year 5 Busybees Update



This week Year 5 have been converting measurements in maths, researching facts in English and coming up with an argument for and against landfill sites.

In RE, we learnt about Ghandi and the ways in which his Hindu beliefs inspired him to make changes in India. We had lots of fun in Computing exploring different filing techniques—we then explored iMovie and practised creating some short films. In PE, we have been practising our rounders' techniques as well as Athletics' training with Miss Driscoll. In Geography, we continued our work on Deserts, focusing on how people use deserts and, in music, we put our voices to the test whilst singing our focus song this half term—Dancing in the Street!



Mrs Potter, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten



Year 6 Dragonflies update

Year 6 have had a brilliant end to the half term with an English-themed week packed full of creativity and variety! The children got stuck into a whole range of genres, including suspense stories, narratives, non-chronological reports, and letters. Some even had the opportunity to choose their own writing projects—and it was fantastic to see how much pride they took in their work and how far their writing has come this year.

In Art, we continued to develop our drawing skills by learning how to draw horses and cats using shapes and careful attention to lines and proportions. A big well-done also goes to our cricket teams this week—especially the girls' team, who played incredibly well and have made it into the finals!

We also had a very important session on the NSPCC's *Speak Out; Stay Safe* initiative. The children took part in discussions about recognising unsafe situations, knowing who they can talk to, and how to ask for help. Can your child remember some of the key points we discussed to help keep themselves safe?

A quick reminder: when we return after the break, the children will be heading straight off on their residential on **Monday morning**. Please make sure they arrive at the normal time in their own clothes, and if your child requires medication, hand it in to the class team in a clearly labelled bag with written instructions included.

Have a wonderful half term break, and we'll see you soon for our exciting trip away!

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

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