

Class Updates - 02.05.2025

Reception Butterflies update

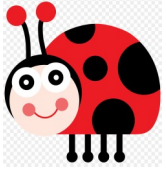


We've made the most of the beautiful weather this week, spending lots of time outside, learning. Our topic this term is 'Ready Steady Grow!', so we have been planting seeds and reading Eric Carle's story, The Tiny Seed. We have been learning about primary colours and missing colours to paint pictures of flowers. In PE we practiced some athletics skills and ran races. In RE we began talking about special places and built a special home for some of our toys out of lego, wooden bricks and foam bricks. In Maths we have begun building numbers to 20 and looking at how they are made. We are focusing on writing numbers correctly and learning how to write teen numbers.

As the weather is warming up, please remember to send children in with a water bottle and a hat and apply sun cream in the mornings! Thank you!



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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds have had a brilliant week this week, having lots of new topics introduced. In science, we started our new topic— plants. We used the iPads to take photos of plants around school and the plant detection button to tell us what the plant is. We began our new topic of explorers in history this week. We thought of a place we would love to explore, lots of us chose space. We discussed well known explorers and placed them on a timeline. In forest school we enjoyed the sunshine building dens, colouring and building hammocks.



Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What an exciting week we've had in Year 2! On Monday, we had the amazing opportunity to visit **Duxford Air Museum**, and it was an unforgettable experience from start to finish.

We were incredibly lucky to enjoy a **guided tour**, where we explored the fascinating **history of flight**. The children were especially captivated by the story of the **Wright Brothers** and how their invention changed the world. We even got to step aboard a **Concorde**, which sparked lots of great questions and discussions!

One of the highlights of the day was watching a real **Spitfire land right in front of us**—what a treat! The excitement and awe on the children's faces said it all.

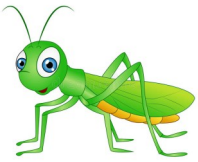
A huge **well done to Year 2** for their brilliant behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day. Our tour guide was full of praise for the children, especially their **impressive knowledge of flight** and thoughtful questions. You made us all very proud!

Best wishes,

Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



This week in Maths, we have been looking at time. It is an area lots of the class have struggled with so we have been focusing on the year 2 expectations of o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. The children that were ready have moved onto time to the nearest 5 minutes. If possible, please support your child at home with telling the time on analogue clocks as this is something that needs to be revisited.

In English, we have been looking at Information Texts and their format. We then looked at propositions and watched a drone flight through the Grand Canyon. We then wrote sentences describing this trip.

In French, we played a memory game looking at fruits and using the children's French number knowledge to identify how many there were.

In Science, we have started our Animals including Humans unit by looking at nutrition and which foods provide what forms of nutrition. The class started by sorting well known foods into fruits/vegetables, carbohydrates, proteins, fats and dairy.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

In Maths, the children have been learning all about measurements and perimeter. They began by learning how to use rulers and measuring tapes accurately to measure the length, width, and height of different objects. The class was full of enthusiasm as they explored the classroom, measuring tables, books, windows, and even each other! They recorded their measurements carefully and compared results with their classmates. The learning continued outdoors, where the children used trundle wheels to measure parts of the playground. They worked in pairs and small groups to calculate the perimeter of different areas.

In English, we began an exciting adventure through *Koji's Island*, a mysterious and magical place filled with natural wonders and surprises. As we journeyed through the island, we explored powerful and descriptive words such as **crater**, **geyser**, **seismograph**, **earthquake**, and **tidal wave**. Koji's Island has sparked the children's imaginations and helped them develop their vocabulary, while also learning about the forces of nature.

In Year 4, our class took part in a meaningful and impactful project that not only brought us closer as a community but also taught us about the importance of compassion and environmental change. After celebrating Earth Day on the 22nd of April, we decided to plant a cherry tree as a symbol of our commitment to care for both each other and the planet. The idea behind planting the cherry tree was simple but powerful: it would serve as a living reminder of our shared responsibility to look after the world around us. Before planting the tree, we spent time learning about environmental issues and the changes we could make to help protect the planet. We studied how our actions, no matter how small, can make a difference.

In Science, the children learnt about the states of matter—solid, liquid, and gas—by exploring how materials change form through heating or cooling. Simple experiments like melting ice, boiling water, or inflating balloons with warm air help them see these changes in action.



Enjoy!

Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys

Year 5 Busybees Update



*It has been a great start to the new term in Busy Bees. We started off by doing an art project where we explored the artists Matisse, Ringgold and Klimt. The children started by researching these artists, they then recreated their work and also created their own piece of artwork inspired by them. They then moved onto designing a trinket box which they created out of clay and painted in the style of their chosen artist—great job Year 5! In maths, we have been looking at adding and subtracting decimals and in English we have started a new unit on persuasive writing with *The Paperbag Prince* as our focus text. The children wrote contrasting sentences using subordinate clauses and expanded noun phrases. In RE, we have been exploring Hindu Gods and in PE we have been doing cricket and tennis. Well done for a great first week back team, enjoy the long weekend and see you on Tuesday.*



Mrs Potter, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Welcome back Dragonflies! It's been fantastic to see Year 6 return from the Easter break refreshed, focused, and ready to give it their all in the lead-up to their exams. The effort and attitude so far has been brilliant—we're really proud of how seriously they're taking their preparations without getting too stressed out by them!

In English, the children have been working in teams to complete grammar papers, showing great collaboration and supporting one another as they revise the key skills they've built over the year. It's been great to see how they help each other and explain things that their partner might not know—it sounds corny to say it, but they're becoming such nice people!

In Maths, we've started recapping a range of topics, with children earning prizes for completing different levels. So far, we've covered measurement, area and perimeter, with more to come in the next few weeks. We've also been playing our *Rock 'em Sock 'em* revision game, where the children compete for sweets; it's been a fun way to keep the energy high while giving our memories a bit of a nudge.

We've still made time for other subjects too. In PE, the class have enjoyed cricket and athletics; in Art, they learned how to use circles to draw a robin; and in History, we began exploring the causes of World War I. Can your child remember any important parts of the Treaty of Versailles?

And finally—a quick PE update! After much discussion with Ms Driscoll, it has been agreed that Year 6 will now have PE on **Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**. Apologies from Mr Clarke, who didn't check with the PE Boss before making any announcements!

Have a great long weekend!

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

