

Class Updates - 25.03.2022



Butterflies have enjoyed spending more time outside in the sunny weather and the benefits of so many outside areas this week.

The children enjoy looking for signs of spring and we will be sending home a sheet for them to look out for things during the Easter break.

The children went on a hunt for daffodils and drew some wonderful observational drawings:



At Forest school this week the children were apprehensive at first but then had a go at walking across the balance line. This helps develop their confidence, balance, and spatial awareness skills.



Reminder: Next week Forest School is on Wednesday, and school finishes at 1.30pm on Thursday.

Well done to Esther and Oscar who are now in the reading **100 Club** as they can confidently read at least 100 high frequency words. Well done to both of you for persevering and keeping up the effort with your reading at school and home!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team.





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

A very busy (and sunny) week in Ladybirds! We enjoyed a class trip to the library on Monday where we listened to stories and explored the library. In English, we have been writing an adventure story with ourselves as the main character—ask us what name we gave ourselves! In maths, we have been measuring and comparing mass and we have been creating Christian Easter Eggs in RE. In Science we are looking out for signs of Spring all around us and have been on a Spring hunt around the grounds of the school. Forest School was particularly exciting because we had some friends from Year 6 join us outside for the afternoon! On Friday we are off to the Key Stage 1 Dance Festival to perform our dance to ‘The Lion Sleeps Tonight’!

Miss Nicholson & Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team



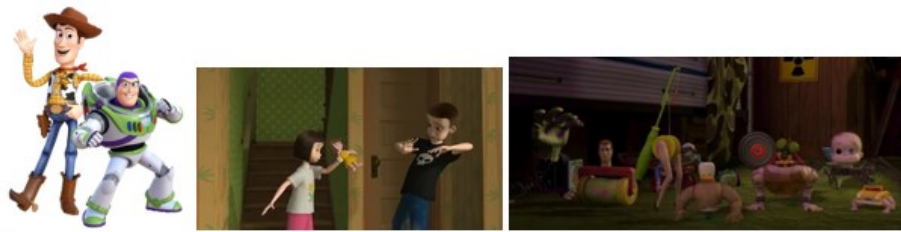


Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week we have been collating all we have learnt this half term in maths for assessment week. I have been so pleased to see the children remembering to use the correct learnt methods and how far they have come overall. It was also so great to see the confidence the children have when doing a reading comprehension. The effort they have put in as a class is brilliant. Well done Caterpillars. In English, we watched a clip from Harry Potter where Harry enters the Great Hall for the first time. We compared what we saw to what was written in the book. We then watched a clip from Toy Story where Woody and Buzz are taken to Sid's room. We hot-seated how each of the characters might be feeling as they encounter the spooky toys Sid has created. We then used similes to describe the creepy atmosphere of Sid's room. In music the class listened a song by Ella Fitzgerald and discussed what they thought it meant and what emotions it provoked. In history we imagined we were on George Stephenson's first passenger train. The children used a repetitive pattern to describe what they might see out of the window on this amazing journey.

Mr Pike & Year 2 Team

HOT-SEATING CHARACTERS FROM TOY STORY





Year 3 Update

What a busy week we have had this week! We have carried on learning about money in our maths lessons and the children were able to put this into practice on Thursday. In art this week, we used the skills we have been practising to recreate Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. The class chose whether they wanted to use oil pastels or paint for their recreations and we're looking forward to finishing them off next week! Year 3 also had their last swimming lesson today. They have done a fantastic job and have really thrown themselves into their lessons. The swimming teachers have been extremely complimentary of the children's behaviour and effort and they should be really proud!

The highlight of our week was definitely our trip to Colchester Zoo on Thursday! Again, the class were brilliantly behaved and we had a fantastic time exploring the zoo and seeing all of the animals. Our day even included an ice-cream and a journey on the Colchester Zoo train!

Miss Allin & Year 3 Team





Fireflies,

Year 4 Update

We went to the Cambridge Science Centre this week and had a fantastic trip! The children wanted to do their 'Space Workshop' to use their working scientifically skills. The children discussed absorption and what materials absorb liquids most efficiently. The idea was to think about what material would be best to use as a nappy in space. The children used their prediction skills to start, and then we tested the materials and used our maths skills to work out how much water had been absorbed. Our last workshop activity involved using robots designed similarly to those they would use in space. This was to learn how to pick things up and move items as if it was outside a spaceship where it would be dangerous for humans to go.

It was fantastic to see the children so engaged and using their scientific skills to solve problems and experiment.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown & Year 4 Team



Year 5 Update



Bees have been showing how creative they are this week as they come to the end of their pottery DT project. They enjoyed making maquettes of their final design which means a mini model. We look forward to seeing the full-sized Greek pots which they are making towards the end of the week.

We discovered this week that we have some very skilled debaters (maybe future politicians!) and they got a brilliant result in the indoor athletics, coming 4th in their age group. The children behaved really well and worked well as a team, particularly in the running relay events against some very fast competitors.

We started learning about Living Things and their habitats which we will continue with next term. The children could remember lots from previous years about the reproductive parts of flowers as well as what they do. We would welcome any parents or friends who work with animals, insects or plants to help us on our learning journey. See you later for your end of term marble treat—it's going to be great!!

Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland & Year 5 Team





Year 6 Update

Dragonflies have done extremely well this penultimate week of the term, working hard re-capping their measuring skills in Maths! The children have been dealing with very tricky questions, reading scales and converting between metric measurements.

In English, we began our spooky suspense story unit. I've been impressed with how much they remembered from our unit on suspense last year (so well done to you parents who led those lessons during lockdown!). They've been looking at different techniques to creep out their readers and enjoyed reading a unsettling story called the Old Richardson's—they used these skills to practise creating tension for something as seemingly innocuous as finding a box!

The class also had some active times during the week—either attending an athletics event or helping out at Forest School! The children who went to the athletics all gave it their absolute best and came second out of five teams! Forest school leaders also reported that the children who helped out were 'a credit to the school' - being nurturing and caring with the younger ones.

Great work Dragonflies—only one more week to go before Easter!

Mr Clarke & Year 6 Team

