

Class Updates - 04.03.2022



Wow, what an amazing week Butterflies have had!

The Explorer Dome came and the children had the opportunity to see the planets as we revisited our **Space** topic from last half term. Have a look at the photos on the newsletter.

We had an author visit Faye Evans. She brought the Sneezing Dragon and Bob's Beard with her. The children helped to join in retelling of her stories.

World Book Day—well done for all the children coming into school dressed up and talking about their favourite story books. We all had so much fun!

This week we also met **Pantosaurus** and learnt how important it is to keep our privates private. This is part of the **NSPCC Campaign Let's Talk PANTS**—please see the NSPCC website for more information and my observation on Tapestry has the link to the video.

In **RE** we learnt all about **Shrove Tuesday or pancake day, and Ash Wednesday the start of Lent**—some of the children were able to tell me what they are going to give up for Lent. They included popcorn, sweets (not chocolate), chocolate and playing games. I wonder how many make it to Easter?

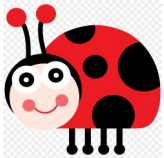
We also welcomed Robert to our class, who enjoyed exploring his new classroom and meeting his new classmates.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team.



Year 1 Ladybirds Update



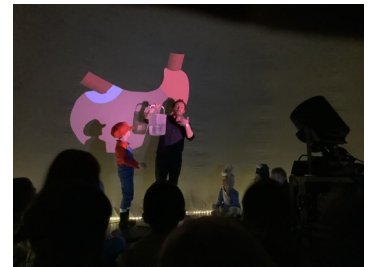
Year 1 have really been enjoying our new book in English called 'Tell me a dragon' by Jackie Morris. We have been looking at lots of different dragons and designing our own. In Maths we have been practising counting in 2s and 5s and have been enjoying singing songs to help us learn this. We had a visit from an author this week who read us her stories about dragons and giants. We especially liked acting out the story with her! We have also been learning about the Easter story in RE and why it is an important time for Christians. Thursday was World Book Day and we enjoyed sharing our books and costumes and learning with the Big Bad Wolf, the Gingerbread Man and Tweedledum and Tweedledee! We also had a special visit from the Dome and learned all about how the body digests food.

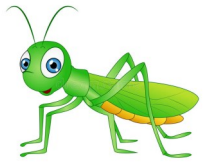




Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a busy week! On Tuesday we had a visit from Faye Evans, a children's author, who did a workshop with us all about her new book, *Bob's Beard*. The class loved using all the toys and puppets to join in the story. On Thursday, as well as it being World Book Day, we had a visit from The Explorer Dome. The class entered the dome and were taught all about the body and how food is digested in our bodies. The guys who were running it were very engaging and I was so proud of the class' behaviour and interest. They shared so many facts that they knew about the body and the visitors were very impressed with their knowledge! I loved seeing all the WBD costumes today and the wide variety of books the children have enjoyed. In English, we started a book called *I'll Take You To Mrs Cole*. We used this book to describe a wide variety of settings looking at nouns, verbs and adjectives. We also thought about how the characters in the story might feel at different points.





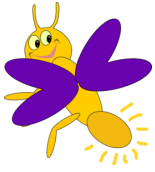
Year 3 Update

It has been another busy week in Year 3! We have started looking at capacity as part of our measurement unit in maths and the children have been carefully reading different scales. This included practical measuring to see what capacity different containers could hold. In English this week, the Grasshoppers have been writing setting descriptions of the underworld, using a clip from Hercules to help inspire their ideas.

We had a visit from Fay Evans, a children's author, on Tuesday and the class loved joining in with the story telling and acting out parts of the book. Their enthusiasm was brilliant to see! They also looked brilliant in their World Book Day costumes on Thursday.

In RE this week, we have been looking at our new unit, Salvation, and the class have been thinking about the varying emotions that Christians might feel during Holy Week.





Fireflies,

Year 4 Update

Well done on another busy week! In maths, we have continued to look at fractions and using our knowledge to solve problem-based questions. I have been impressed with how the children use their vocabulary when explaining the different concepts.

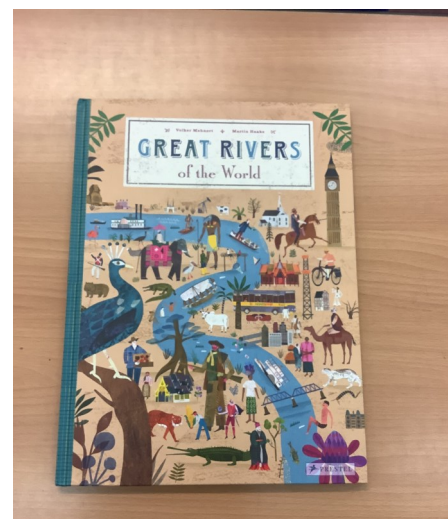
In our English lessons, we have looked at how we create suspense. We then created a 'toolkit' for the children to use to support their writing. Our final pieces will include short sentences and personification to help us make our writing suspenseful!

We also had a great visit from an author (Fay Evans) this week- the children came up with some excellent questions to ask her about how she started her journey on becoming an author. I also thought the children were fantastic in retelling the story. This linked very nicely to world book a day, and we chose to use a piece of technology called AR (augmented reality) to bring our books to life. The children did book reviews, and we used a trigger image to play the video behind the picture.

Finally, in our Science lesson, we started to build circuits. We looked at the different components a basic circuit needs and what makes a complete and an incomplete circuit. The children approached this in a very mature way and were able to keep safe while building their own circuits.

Thank you for your hard work this week,

Mr Brown





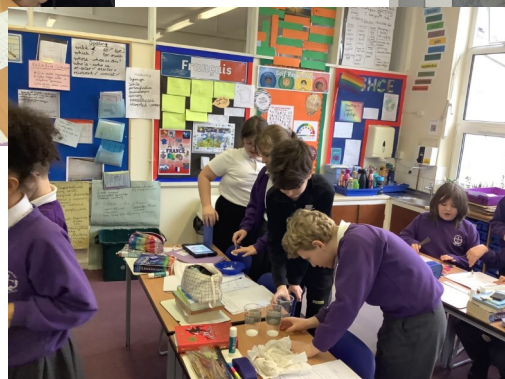
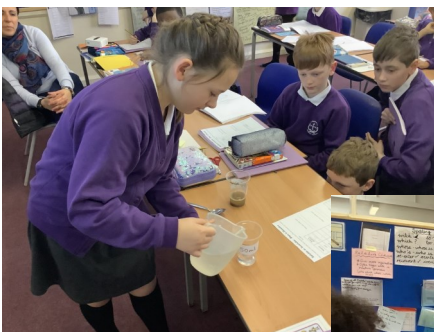
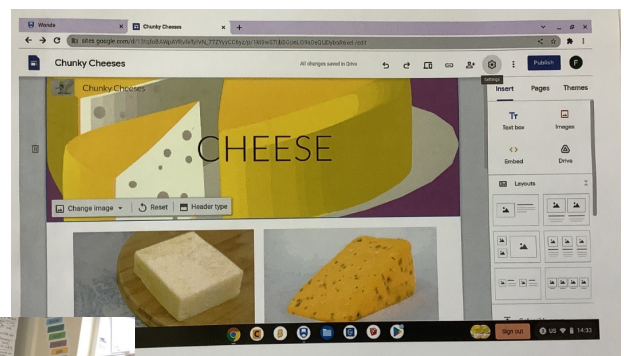
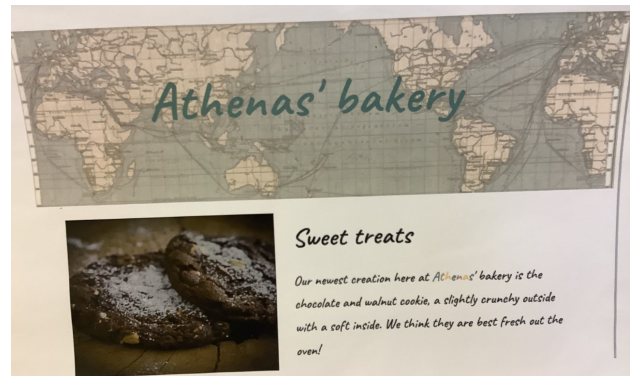
Year 5 Busy Bees Update

Some more exciting mail this week for our lovely Bees as Kemi Badenoch sent through her letters from the House of Commons in reply to the children's letters that they wrote back in November about climate change. The children were interested to hear about all of the things that we are trying to do as a country to combat this huge problem, including quadrupling our renewable energy capacity in the past decade and investing £200 million into technology which they hope will allow us to remove harmful gases from the air.

World Book Day caused a real buzz and the children impressed us with the variety of costumes! We had lots of fun discussing our favourite books and making videos on the new Halo AR app.

We have made a great start to our new computing unit on creating websites. The children explored what makes a good website and then this week they started to design their own online which they find really exciting and purposeful.

Lastly, we started researching ancient Greek pottery for our DT project. We are looking forward to visiting Saffron Walden Museum next week as this will help further with our research and we can hopefully locate our dig discovery whilst we are there!



Investigating materials
that dissolve in Science



Year 6 Update

Dragonflies have had a book-filled week! They had a lovely time during World Book Day, and it was great to see so many costumes (shout-out to Maria's home-made dictionary/thesaurus!!) The kids changed the room into a reading-friendly area and relaxed with their books.

Earlier in the week, we were lucky in the school to have an author visit. The children got involved really well and asked some very mature questions. It also helped their imaginations, which was great as we have just begun writing our futuristic diary entries!

Year 6 explored the most-sold book ever too: the Bible! They learnt to find verses and used these skills to compare the four different versions of the resurrection—they discovered some interesting differences between the four and had very insightful conversations.

