

# Class Updates - 25.02.2022



## Reception

I am delighted to report that the children have come back to school so excited to learn! The children were sad that the heavy winds had caused disruption and breakages on to the outside decking areas but we are working on making it safe and tidy again. The children enjoyed watching the gardeners clear the broken trees and witnessed how the logs get cut up into wood chippings by the giant shredder!

Wonderful news this week is that we welcomed Miss Mane to our class as cover for Mrs Flack, while she is on maternity leave. Mrs Flack has given birth to a lovely baby girl during half term.

We have had a busy week starting our new topic **Around the World!** This week we have learnt about **Kenya in Africa.**

The children enjoyed joining in with songs, dances and playing African drums and learning facts about Kenya as well as finding it on the class world map and on our globe.

Our Kenyan stories this week included Handa stories including **Handa's Surprise.** The children have been using their phonic skills writing words or a sentence to go with their pictures of African animals or African fruit.

In Maths the children are building on number **9 and 10** and some of the children are already impressing us with their number bond skills!

The children are working on being much more independent, so please can you support with this at home.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team.**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week the Ladybirds made a very egg-citing discovery! We discovered an egg in the Forest School area. After looking around for clues as to what it might be, we then made posters to keep the area safe. The egg hatched the next day and we discovered that it was a baby dragon! We made news reports and created LOST posters. We have also been practising our number bonds, counting in 2s and doing lots of great reading.

**Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team.**





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

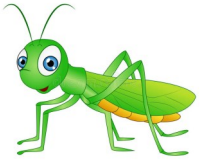
Welcome back, I hope you all had a restful half term. In maths, we have been working on fractions; finding half, a quarter, three quarters and thirds of different shapes. In English, we have started writing out instructions, entitled How to capture a ..... The class have produced some fantastic pieces of writing, adding interest through their choices of vocabulary. I have been so impressed how far they have come with their writing. In science, we have started our Materials unit and we began by identifying different materials and what around us is made from them. In computing, we used the iPads to take photos of our school surrounding and then we edited them by cropping, adding filters and enhancing colours. Some of the photos were fantastic! I think we have



some budding photographers in this class. In history, we learnt about Malala Yousafzai and her passion and strength to stand up for girls' education around the world. The children wrote their own quotes, using Malala as an inspiration, about issues they felt passionate about. In Forest School, the class were getting to grips with the pruning saw, litter picking and decorating the fairy house using wood from the trees broken in the storm. Also they made a bed out of milk crates!

**Mr Pike and the Year 2 team.**

## Year 3 Update



It has been a busy first week back for the Grasshoppers this week and they have been working really hard. In maths, we have been recapping equivalent fractions and small non-unit fractions of numbers. The class have been using fantastic descriptive language in our English lessons to describe their very own mythical creatures.

On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Driscoll joined us for some indoor athletics. The children all really pushed themselves and did a brilliant job at the speed jump, standing long jump, standing high jump and chest push throwing.

We had an exciting visit for a rocks, fossils and dinosaurs workshop on Thursday. The children spent the morning learning all about dinosaurs, rocks and fossils, including completing a fossil hunt and seeing models of various dinosaurs. They were able to touch all of the real fossil artefacts too. In the afternoon they had a go at sketching some of the fossils they had seen and also had a visit from the famous fossil hunter, Mary Anning!

Grasshoppers also attended their first swimming session this week! Well done for all your hard work and perseverance, Year 3! Miss Allin and the Year 3 team.







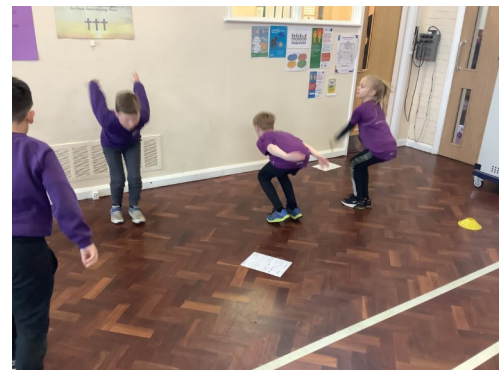
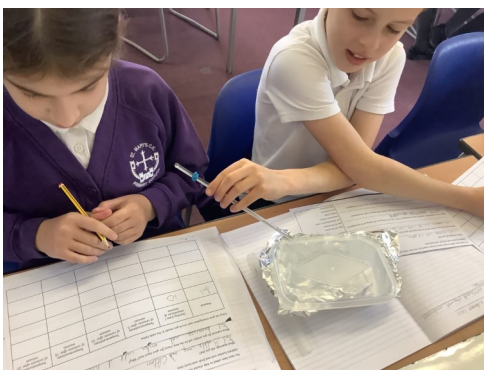
## Year 5 Busy Bees Update

An exciting start back to school with news from the museum about our clay pipe that we discovered in forest school last term. It has now been catalogued as the first object given to the Museum this year and has been dated from the late Victorian or Edwardian period, around 1860-1910. It will be featured as the Museum's Object of the Month for March along with two clay pipe bowls found last autumn at the Fry Art Gallery. The clay pipes will be displayed in the Great Hall gallery from 2<sup>nd</sup> March until the end of the month so make sure you go and have a look! They also informed us that before the school was built, there were cottages on the grounds that were 500 years old so perhaps the person who owned the pipe lived in one of them?

Talking of ancient objects, we have got off to a great start with our topic on Ancient Greece by planning our myths, thinking about all sorts of gruesome monsters and strong heroes or heroines to battle against them.

We have also had lots of fun investigating the properties of materials as insulators, deciding which material would be best for a packed lunch box. We had to observe closely and record the temperature of the ice cube at given intervals and how it changed over time.

The storm stopped us getting outside for PE but it didn't stop us having a good old workout! The children worked really hard doing fitness circuits, trying to do as many bicycle kicks, jumps, slaloms, mountain climbers and heel kicks as we could in 2 minute blasts – they were huffing and puffing by the end! Well done Bees. **Mrs McInnes and the year 5 team.**





## Year 6 Update

It has been lovely to welcome back the Year 6s after the half term break—though there were some bleary eyes on the Monday; the early morning was clearly a bit of a shock to the system!

The children have got back into the swing of things, starting by expanding their understanding of fractions, percentage and decimals in our Maths. They also launched into our English unit on dairy entries with great energy, and I can't wait to see their own versions next week.

In Science, the Dragonflies pushed their understanding of light by using prisms to split light into its different colours—see if your child can explain why rainbows happen after rain! We also created our own colour wheels; when we spin them, the colours combined together back to white. We realised this is why light appears to have no colour (as it is the fastest moving thing in the universe!).

Mr Clarke and the Year 6 team.

