

# Class Updates - 04.02.2022



**Reception** - No Class update due to Mrs Jeewan os isolating



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

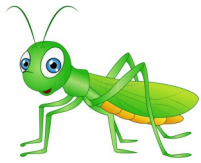
This week in English we have been continuing to look at traditional tales and listened to the story of The Gingerbread Man. We loved this story and enjoyed joining in with the words. In maths we have started a new unit on place value with numbers to 50. We are really enjoying PE this term and this week we have been playing dodgeball. In Science, we having been sorting animals into groups and on Friday afternoon we will be practising our Jungle themed dance routine.



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

A great week Caterpillars! We have been busy practising and using our multiplication and division skills, even attempting word problems. The class have coped well with this tricky area and are becoming more confident using the methods they have learnt to solve given problems. In English, we have started a new unit—Instructions. We have spent time identifying the key features and using time conjunctions to clearly show when the instruction is happening. Next week we will be using bossy verbs and beginning to write our own class instructions. In science, we discussed what we like to eat and what categories they would come under, for example: fats/sugars, meats, fish, breads etc... The children then created food pyramids to help them understand that they can enjoy all types of food but which ones they can have more of and which ones they should be having in moderation. In history, we learnt all about Emmeline Pankhurst and the Suffragette movement and how their actions helped secure votes for women. The class are really engaged in learning about these inspirational women.





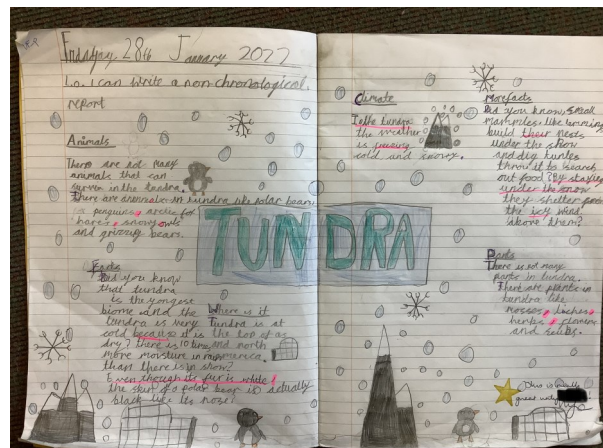
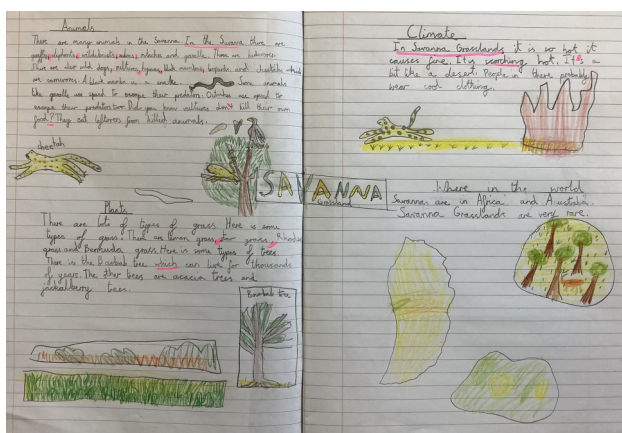
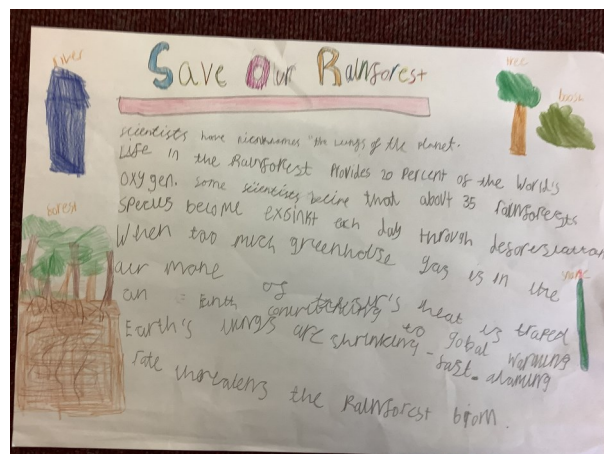
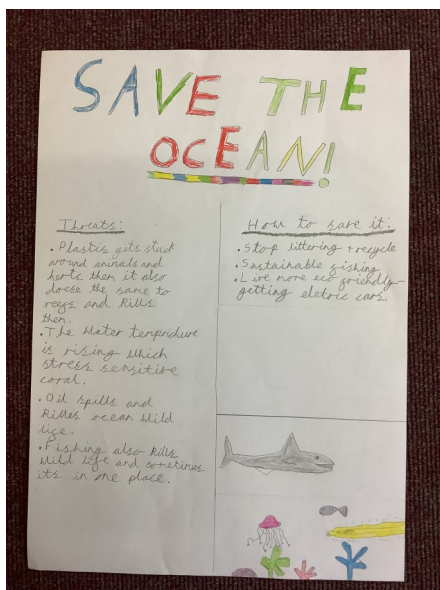
## Year 3 Update

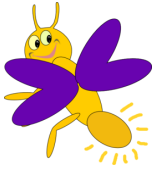
Year 3 have finished their fractions unit in maths this week and have done a fantastic job off adding and subtracting fractions with a common denominator, finding fractions of amounts, counting in and identifying tenths and comparing and ordering fractions.

The Grasshoppers have really impressed me with their English work this week. They used the information that they researched and collected about their favourite biome last week to create fantastic double page fact files. They have been really careful with their spelling and punctuation and have presented these fact files beautifully.

In our topic lesson this week, we looked at the different environmental threats to the different biomes around the world and what we can do to help reduce these threats. The class came up with some excellent ideas about what they can do themselves to help reduce some of the threats to our planet.

Miss Allin and the Year 3 team





Fireflies,

## Year 4 Update

This week we had our fantastic trip to Epping Forest. Firstly, I would like to say I was so proud of the class during their trip- both their effort and respect throughout the day were fantastic! We started the activities off by walking to a stream, and we had to complete specific tasks. The tasks involved measuring the depth and width of the river. After that, the children measured the speed of something moving up and downstream using a stopwatch. I was so impressed by the fantastic teamwork and perseverance that the children showed during these activities!

Well done on all of your hard work!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Brown



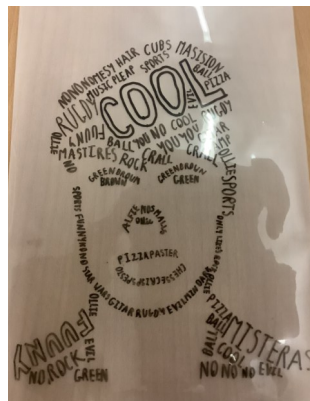
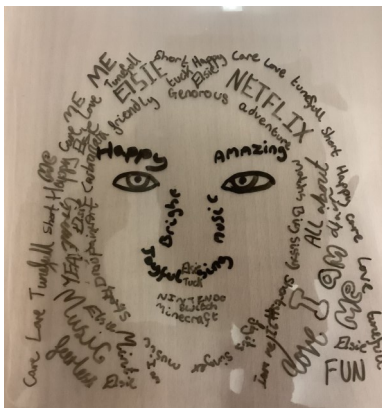


## Year 5 Busy Bees Update

This week the children have really impressed us with their computing skills, getting to grips with the group and align keys for their 3D houses on Tinkercad. Special shout out to Isoa, Mac and Lily for particularly good computing skills and Anna and Ruby for their problem solving and peer support abilities. Their artwork is also really coming on and they have created some stunning ink outlines of self-portraits, using words about their personalities to add detail to the drawings (see a couple of great examples below).

We have been really enjoying playing netball, improving our throwing and shooting skills. This week the children learnt about the different positions in high 5 netball, helping to prepare for a tournament next term.

Our science topic on materials is going really well—this week we were doing lots of investigating and experimenting this week with different materials, testing to see if they were permeable, flexible, magnetic or transparent. The children were surprised to discover that there are many metals that aren't magnetic, including the door of our classroom!





## Year 6 Update

The Dragonflies have done fantastically in their English this week, where they launched into their non-chronological report writing by reading about the fearsome creature...the Clarke! The children used our main text to create their own booklets filled with language and phrases, getting ready to make their own fantastical monsters!

The children had a great time in our Geography lesson, learning all about tectonic plates. We used eggs to represent the Earth and cracked the eggs so that we could picture the way the tectonic plates fit together across the Earth's surface.

Then, we cut up Styrofoam cups and floated them on water. We used this to help us imagine how the tectonic plates rest on the magma of the Earth. From this, we could see how some plates floated and knocked into each other – but the effect would obviously be much more dramatic for the tectonic plates than with our Styrofoam: earthquakes!

In science, we used our knowledge that light reflects from a surface at an equal angle to how it first strikes the surface. This allowed us to create our own periscopes!

