

Class Updates - 14.01.2022



Reception

Butterfly class have really enjoyed the start of our new **Topic, 'The Way Back Home'**. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and thinking about how the Martian and little boy felt being stranded on the moon, then helping each other and becoming friends. To develop their writing skills they used their letter sound knowledge to label a picture of the boy on the moon.

The children loved being part of a Human Orrery with Miss Hunter and made some amazing Solar System art using different techniques with pastels and paints.



We will continue learning facts about space and learning about real astronauts from the past and the present.

In Maths, the children have learnt about '0' and consolidated their knowledge of 1-5 and what shows 0 or not 0. Next week we move on to '6'.

In Phonics the children have started learning the **Phase 3** letter sounds including:

v, w, x, y and z and the digraphs (2 letters 1 sound) zz, qu, ch, sh and th.

Please continue reading with them at home and working on their tricky words, I will be introducing some new words soon!

On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed reading to their **Year 6 Buddies** and showing them what they have learnt! We hope to do this on a fortnightly basis.

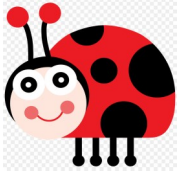
Wow, what a busy week they have had!

The class have really demonstrated great resilience being back to school after such a nice break and they have been ready to learn.

Well done Butterflies. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team.





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

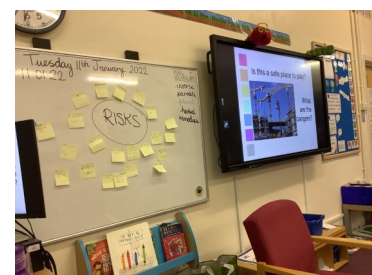
A very busy week for Ladybirds this week! They have settled back into school really well and are continuing to work hard. The highlight of our week was the trip to the museum and castle. We spent the morning doing various activities including, games, quiz questions, junk model castle building and then using model siege engines to attack the castles we made. The children loved having the museum to themselves and exploring all the different artefacts.

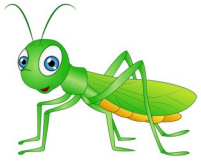


Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Caterpillars' class have settled back into school well after their half term break. They have started writing out their learning objectives in maths and writing which they are doing very successfully instead of having it printed, this is in preparation for KS2. In English, we read a book called The Day the Crayons Quit. We started by hot-seating each other pretending we were the crayons and sharing thoughts and feelings. Then we thought about where each colour crayon would visit after they had quit, for example: red crayon might ride a London bus, visit Santa and drive a fire engine. Next, we wrote diary entries as the crayons describing our adventures after we quit. In maths, we have been doubling numbers. The children are beginning to understand that repeated addition, doubling and multiplying by 2 are all the same thing. We have started our new topic 'Make the Change' but learning about an amazing woman called Mary Seacole. Ask your child about her and see what they remember :). In PSHCE, we have been learning about different risks outside of school. The class were very knowledgeable and sensible about the potential dangers.

Mr Pike and the Year 2 team





Year 3 Update

Year 3 have had a very busy first week back! They have settled into their work brilliantly after the Christmas holidays and have been working hard and finding fractions of shapes and fractions of amounts in our maths lessons. In English, Grasshoppers have been looking at a poem called 'The Sound Collector'. They have planned and started to write their own versions based on the original. They have come up with some great powerful verbs to describe the sounds which can be heard from every day objects.

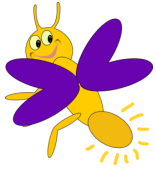
On Tuesday, we have a fantastic morning out exploring the Cambridge Botanic Gardens. The children didn't let the drizzly, grey weather ruin their morning. We explored the greenhouses, looking at the different climate conditions, and explored the various plants within the garden. Favourites amongst the plants included the 'Frankenstein' tree and the cacti in the greenhouses. We saw some amazing wildlife too, including squirrels, ducks and a real life fox!

In PE, we have carried on with our dance topic. The children enjoyed creating their own dances based around a volcano erupting. There were lots of creative ideas and the class thought carefully about using different levels in their dances and what movements they could use to represent each part of a volcanic eruption.

Miss Allin & the

Year 3 team





Year 4 Update

Fireflies started off our new topic of 'Rivers and Mountains' throughout this week. We looked at some of the features of rivers and, more specifically, the River Cam. The children enjoyed tracing the river's journey and following it down to Saffron Walden.

In Maths, we have focused on using the bus stop method to solve division problems. The children have done exceptionally well in solving two, three and even four-digit problems and using the inverse to check our answers.

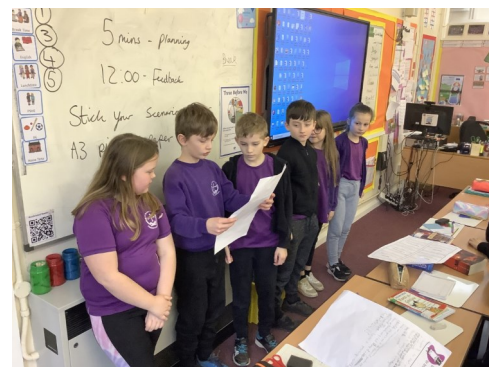
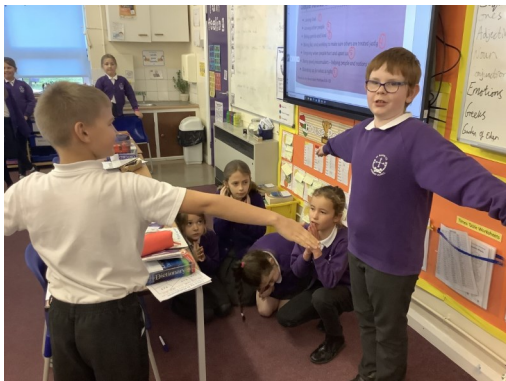
During English, we have looked at persuasive writing. In this unit so far, we have looked at different types of persuasive writing, and we are starting to use the techniques we have learnt about, such as rhetorical questions and exaggeration.

Lastly, at the end of last week, we had a joint Year 4/5 PSHE session looking at important things such as healthy friendships.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 4 team



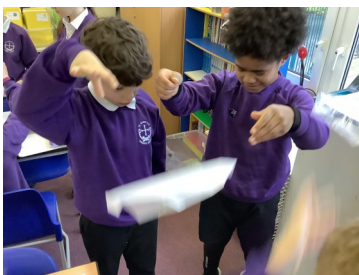
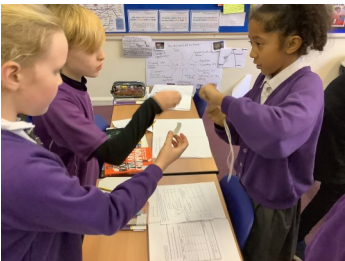


Year 5 Busy Bees Update

We are very proud of our Busy Bees and the start to the new term. They have shown real enthusiasm to learn and lots of resilience, particularly as we are missing Mrs Robinson very much. The class have put together lots of letters and prayers for her which she is very grateful for, especially in the run up to her surgery next week.

We are finishing off our unit on Forces with a fun experiment, designing our own parachutes and look forward to starting our new unit on Materials over the next couple of weeks.

We were very excited to hear about developments in the discovery of the pipe that Amelia, Anna and Will found last term, digging during forest school. The children visited the local museum and were thrilled to hear from the curator that the pipe is indeed very old—probably from the 1800s and they would like to use it in an exhibition. The children were fascinated to hear that this type of pipe could be bought already filled with tobacco for 1p in a shop. Once you had smoked it, the person would snap it and throw it away. Obviously in the days when they weren't as good at rubbish disposal! Keep up the good work Bees. **The Year 5 teaching team**





Year 6 Update

It's been great to see the Year 6s back after the Christmas break! They've been working hard in class and seem very energised after the holidays.

Dragonflies had lots of fun in our Maths lessons this week, where they've been taking their first cracks at solving with algebra! They've persevered very well and done brilliant work. They also put their investigation and measurement skills to good use—roaming around the grounds and working out the height and age of the different trees.

In English, the class worked hard to write their own news reports, trying to write in the style of voice used by BBC presenters. They tried hard to use formal language and sentence structures to create this effect.

We also began our topic on world disasters with a scavenger hunt around the school. The children had to track down the answers to different questions about climate around the world by searching for fact cards hidden in the corridors!

And we all want to give a special thank-you to Mr Jarmain, who took us for an extra PE lesson on Tuesday too! **Mr Clarke**

