

Class Updates - 03.03.2023



Butterflies update:

The children have been learning about African stories, animals and habitats.

We launched our new topic **Around the World** with the wonderful story **Handa's Surprise** and the children loved retelling the story using props and animals.



The children are enjoying hunting for signs of spring around the school:



You could ask your child what they have found so far and have a look on your walks to and from school.

Thank you to Lily and her mum who made some super Solar System cakes. They are amazing mini planets!



The children are continuing to make super progress with their reading skills and are reading longer words and words with double letters. I have given out **tricky words information** to parent/carers at Parents Consultation Evenings- if you did not get one please let me know.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week in Year 1, we have been busy writing factfiles about dragons in English. We are learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s in maths and we started practising controlling balls with our hands in PE. We listened to the Easter Story in RE and in art we have been creating artwork inspired by Paul Klee. Some parents have been asking about songs that we sing during the day. There are names of some of our favourite songs below:

- *Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose*
- *5 little monkeys swinging in a tree*
- *Elephants have wrinkles*
- *One finger, one thumb keep moving*
- *We also sing songs by Jack Hartmann in maths (counting to 50 and 100 as well as counting in 2s,5s and 10s).*



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team

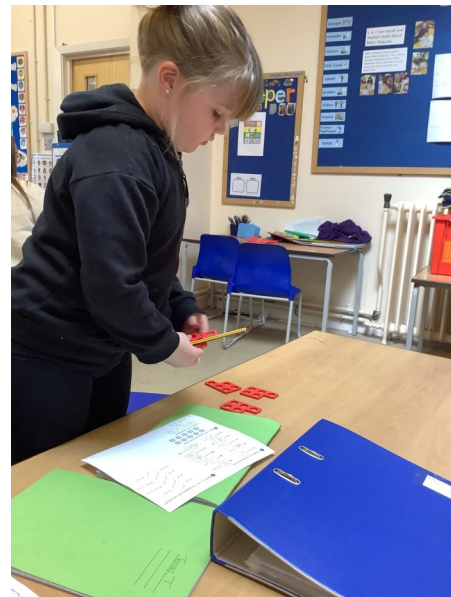
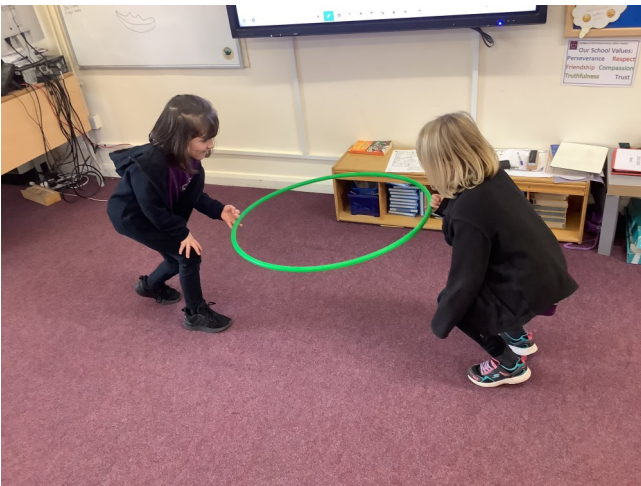


Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Year 2 have been working really hard this week. We have completed our multiplication and division unit in maths. Please keep practising 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home to ensure that the children know these really confidently. In English, the class wrote their own version of 'The Sound Collector'. They thought carefully about what verbs to use in their poems to make them exciting about what sounds the sound collector might steal away.

In PSHCE this week, we worked on our team building and listening skills. The class had to play a variety of team building games where they had to work together and cooperate to complete them successfully. We looked at healthy living in science and built meals based around a healthy, balanced diet. We discussed how it's important to have all of the different food groups in our diet to give us the right nutrition and to help us to grow.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Well done on all of your hard work this week! This week in maths, we have completed more fraction work and focused on more practical activities representing different fractions.

In PSHE, we focussed on our self-image and how we see ourselves. The children discussed different things that they feel are their strengths. I think the children benefitted from focusing on their strengths and continuing to build a positive self-image.

In Science, we learned about seed dispersal and pollination. The children completed a booklet about how seeds can be dispersed and how it leads to new flowers.

Finally, we were lucky to have our first cricket session in PE. I was impressed with how all of the children persevered and enjoyed learning about fielding and batting.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

It was great to see so many parents/carers at the 'Book Looks' and catch up with you all at Parent's Evenings. It's so nice to see the children so excited about their work and sharing what they have learnt so confidently with you. It's also so great to hear how happy they are at school and what they are taking home and sharing with you all.

The class were so pleased to see their art up in the art exhibition and enjoyed looking at all the other classes' work.

In Science, the class have been classifying characteristics of different animals using a range of criteria. They used the iPad to research any living things they weren't sure about and were fascinated by some of what they discovered. In Geography, we have been researching the Thames river and looking for evidence of the different key features. The class confidently identified the meanders and tributaries.

In PSHCE, we are studying First Aid and introducing the children to aspects of first aid that they can be aware of.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



We had a great start to the week with a trip to the church to help us write creative descriptions. We used our senses to explore ways to capture the atmosphere and experience of being in the church and then helped each other improve our sentences to include fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and adjectives. Good work, Bees!

Later in the week, we had a fantastic time practising throwing, catching and batting with Chris from Saffron Walden cricket club—lots of the children came back saying how much fun they had and can't wait for the next few weeks when they will be learning more skills from Chris. Thank you for your time.

We've spent the last couple of weeks learning about basic first aid, with a particular focus on bleeding. Test your children at home on what they should do—they really impressed us with their knowledge and practical skills. We look forward to welcoming Dr Dovedi one Friday so that she can help us learn more and test our memories!



Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Year 5 Dragonflies Update

Dear parents/carers

This week, the Dragonflies have been working hard (some of the children even took it upon themselves to visit the Walden museum on Wednesday—well done!). In English, we began planning out our descriptive writing by taking advantage of a new leap in computer technology: A.I.!

The children used an opensource AI to generate concept art for their own setting descriptions. It made them really think about everything they wanted to include and helped their imaginations come to life! Though, it was a bit spooky how the computer could make a whole picture from a paragraph in less than a minute...

The class didn't let the computers do all the thinking in every area of learning though! In Maths, the children have been pushing themselves to delve into maths that makes them really think. We looked at multi-step reasoning problems, systematic logic puzzles and the class began exploring circles; they found out how to use the circumference and diameter to find pi, and how to use pi to find the area of a circle! Ask you child to see if they can remember any of the formulae.

We also began our Science unit. The class considered how differences in charge can be used to make electrons flow around a circuit, and then had a go at making their own circuits with as many parts as they liked.

In Geography, the class have been looking at erosion (which is actually more interesting than it sounds!) and how erosion creates bays, headlands, caves, arches, stacks and stumps. After this lesson though, I don't think we'll have many of the children buying houses for their seaside views upon seeing the perils some people are in after years of coastal erosion!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

