

Class Updates - 24.02.2023



Butterflies update:

The children came back eager to learn and finish our Space Topic. The children loved welcoming back Miss Hunter and sang her their favourite space song 'The Planets of the Solar System'. The children have enjoyed **Aliens Love Underpants** activities in maths, writing and in art.

Some more children made space buggies in woodworking and were very proud of their creations:



At Forest school, the children loved the fun games and activities and they told me:

'I really like Forest school, I like playing the treasure hunt games, and trying to find the numbers or letters' Louis *'I like finding things like ice and eggs'* Sofia

'I like very much playing Bingo' Maja *'I like the fire pit, and putting chocolate on toast'* Oli

'I like toasting bread on the fire to make toast' Charlie

Our new Topic from next week is **Around the World**. Please let us know where any family members live or originate from so that we can add to our class map of the World. Thank you!

We are going to visit **Saffron Walden Museum** later on this term, to learn more about Saffron Walden in the past and to the present as well as see some items from around the world. Keep an eye out for this letter which will be sent out soon.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

What a busy first week back! It has been wonderful to see the children come back and ready to learn again. We started the week with a visit from two nurses who explained some basic First Aid skills to us. We were able to explore some of their equipment and we practised the recovery position. In English, we have really enjoyed listening to some dragon stories and we even found a very interesting egg whilst we were at Forest School! We have started thinking about Spring in RE and why Easter is important to Christians. In computing we have started looking at how we can label and match data and in Science we are learning more about everyday materials and their properties.



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Year 2 have had a very busy first week back! We were very lucky to have a visit from two parents who are nurses on Monday afternoon.

They discussed what their job involves with the class and the children asked some brilliant questions so that they could learn more about the role of a nurse. The children also tried on scrubs and nurse uniforms. After that, our visitors showed us some basic first aid skills, including CPR and the recovery position. They also taught us what we should do in an emergency. Check to see if your children can remember what they should do if they find someone who is unconscious or bleeding and if they can remember what number to call in an emergency!

In English this week, we have been writing setting descriptions about a relaxing desert island. The children have used some fantastic adjectives and adverbs within their writing. In maths, we have continued with our multiplication and division unit. Please keep practising 2, 5, and 10 times tables at home!

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team



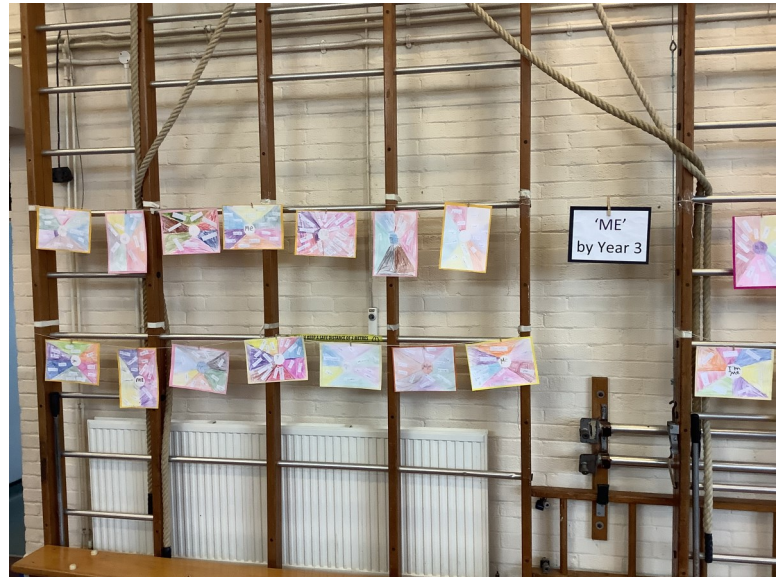


Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

We have had a great first week back after half term! This week we have completed more fraction work, looking specifically at tenths. The children counted forwards and backwards in tenths and then looked at decimals. In PSHE, we looked at a circle of control. The children discussed different things they felt they couldn't control and what they could control. This was a beneficial way of us focussing on our mental health and trying to have a positive outlook.

Finally, in computing, we have continued developing our 'Scratch' knowledge. We have changed different sprites and backgrounds and added music.

Have a fantastic weekend, **Mr Brown and the Year 3 team**





Year 4 Fireflies Update

We are focusing on fractions this unit in maths, finding fractions of amounts and numbers. The children are discovering how they can use their division and multiplication skills to support them during this unit. Our new English unit is creative writing so we are focusing on a book called *Window*. It has no words, just a series of photos from the same window showing how nature is being affected by humans. In computing, the children used the log-boxes (that monitor sound, light and temperature) to record data based on given questions, for example: who has the loudest scream? What is the temperature of tap water? How bright is the Interactive Whiteboard?

In Science, we went on an invertebrate hunt to discover which creatures we could find around the school grounds. We then used this information to categories what we discovered into the correct groupings.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



A great start to the week in Year 5! We have kick-started our new topic Finding our Way with lessons on how to locate places using an atlas and how we can look at the world as an artist. Our writing focus this half term is descriptive writing, and with that in mind we have started to think about ways to make our writing rich with adjectives, expanded noun phrases and adventurous verbs. We will be 'visiting' different exciting locations around the world to help ignite our imaginations. This week we were transported to a beautiful mountainous landscape with a shimmering lake and wooden cabin—the children came up with some wonderful ideas, painting a rich image in the reader's mind.



In Science, we're nearly finished our unit on materials and the children have really shown great progress in their handling of equipment, gathering of data, creation of tables and analysis of patterns. This week we explored the nature of dissolving and how temperature can affect that.

It's all go in PE as next week we are looking forward to some cricket tuition thanks to USSP and we will start our new unit on dance. Hopefully, if we work hard on it, we may even be able to share it with parents! We hope that you enjoyed looking at all of our hard work in our books and wasn't the art gallery of our 'ME' art fantastic? Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll



Dear parents/carers

This week, Dragonflies have been working on some of the toughest stuff on the Year 6 curriculum— algebra in maths and descriptive prose in English!

I have been really impressed with how well they've taken to both. In algebra, the children have learnt how to represent information algebraically, how to solve to find unknowns, how to give possible values for unknowns and also how to substitute data into formulae! This has been hard and sometimes a bumpy learning journey, but each and every one of the Year 6s worked as hard as they could in their lessons. In English, we've been looking at some of the most accomplished authors so we could learn from their prose (the way they form sentences) to create descriptive atmospheres. The children have been working on their 'ear' - trying to hear when writing sounds clunky or not smooth, as well as using personification to create atmosphere.

In PE, we've started our basketball unit to...mixed results! The children found it tough to move the ball from hand to hand, so we'll be doing lots of hand-eye coordination drills in our lessons this unit.

Have a great weekend and we'll see you on Monday!

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

