

Class Updates - 03.02.2023



Butterflies update:

In **Maths**, the children have been enjoying demonstrating their number knowledge to 8, using all kinds of resources to prove that they can find different ways to make up amounts to 8. The children have also been working with pairs and even sorted and pegged my washing into pairs of socks and gloves. A very simple, fun and effective way to teach pairs and beginning to count in 2s. Something you can encourage your child to do at home too!



I am pleased to say that the class have been kind and helpful this week, **welcoming our new boy** Kayhan to our class and St Mary's. You have a made a super start Kayhan, well done!

The children are making great progress in their **reading**. Please can you see the weekly sheets of the GPCS learnt and the tricky words, and tick off any they can now read on the list of 'tricky words' in their reading records. Thank you or your continued support.

Next week—On **Wednesday morning at 9am** there is a **Road Safety** presentation in the hall in school, this is for Reception parents and then the class will join the talk as well. This is run by the **Safer Essex Roads Partnership**.

You can visit their website for more information:

<https://saferessexroads.org/road-users/children/>

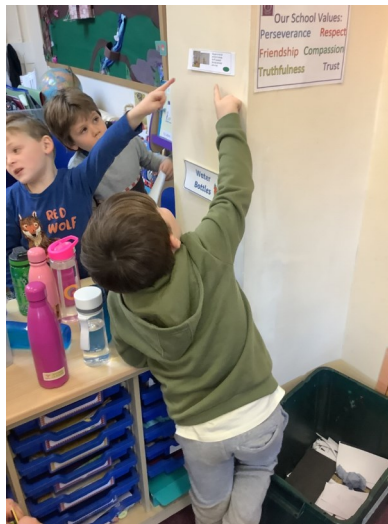
Have a great weekend,
Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Another super week with lots of wonderful learners and learning! In Maths, we have been improving our knowledge of numbers 0-50 through partitioning and number lines. In English, we have learnt an adventure story about a runaway gingerbread woman. We have been looking at the structure of the story using a story mountain and next week we will be writing our own stories. In RE, we have been listening to stories from the bible and thinking about what Christians believe about Jesus and in PE we have been putting together the final touches on a superhero dance!



Have a great weekend,

Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter & the Year 1 Team



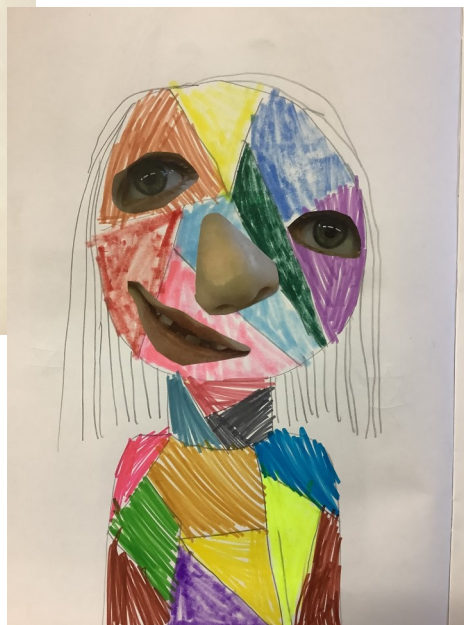
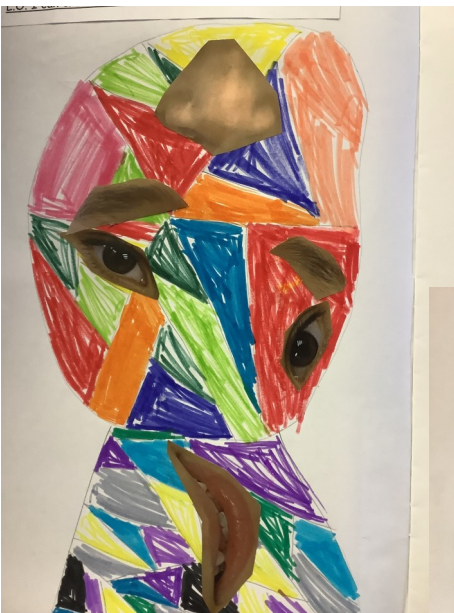
Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have started our new unit in maths this week, multiplication and division. We have been looking at identifying and sharing into equal groups ready so that we can apply these skills to our times table facts.

In English, we have researched famous nurses from history, including Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. The class have used their research to write some excellent biographies!

In art this week, we have carried on with Picasso based art work. The class created self-portraits using colour and collaged with cut outs of their facial features. Look at some of our final pieces! In science, we looked at the importance of exercise for humans and experimented to see how exercise effects the body.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

This week in our science lessons, we continued to look at plants and their stem system. We looked at different plants in the classroom and used a magnifying glass to look at these important flower parts. Once we had done this, the children sketched additional drawings of the plant and wrote an explanation of what the stem does.

The children have finished our division and multiplication unit in our maths lessons. The children have completed different problem-solving challenges around this topic.

In our topic lessons, we have looked at map work. The children used maps to find different biomes across the world and also different climates. I was impressed with how quickly the children could locate different countries and relate them to biomes.

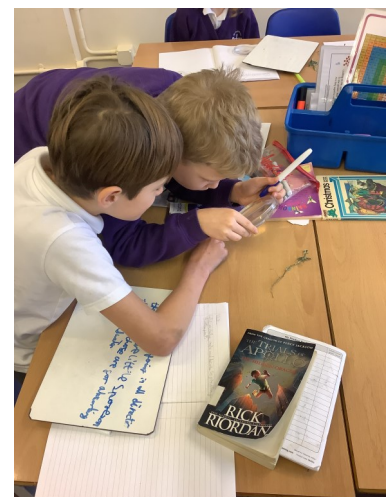
In our PSHE lessons, we have continued with our tapping. This week, we have looked at doing tapping to music and following different routines. I love how reflective of their own emotions the children have become and the positivity we have had during this project.

Finally, in English, we had a live webinar with an author called Wendy Shearer. The children listened to a variety of different stories and also learned about the art of storytelling.

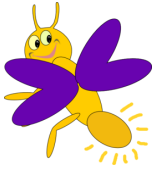


Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update



In English this week, we have been looking at dialogue and how it should be written correctly. We started off by looking at the correct way to set it out and how to punctuate it. Then we looked at using dialogue to describe the personality of a character in a story.

In maths, we have reached our multiplication and division end point and have been solving problems using the skills learnt over this unit.

In music, the class have been writing their own 'anti-bullying' rap and practising it in groups. They are really enjoying this unit and I can't wait to hear their final pieces.

In geography, we are continuing our rivers unit, looking at the 3 stages of the river: upper course, middle course and lower course. We then revisited the 'key features' of a river from our previous lesson and researched at what stage they appear. Using this knowledge, the class worked in pairs to create a visual representation of the river (see below).

In computing, we used data loggers to collect and record sound, light and temperature across the school. The class then analysed this data and came to a conclusion based on given questions.

Mr Pike and the Y4 team



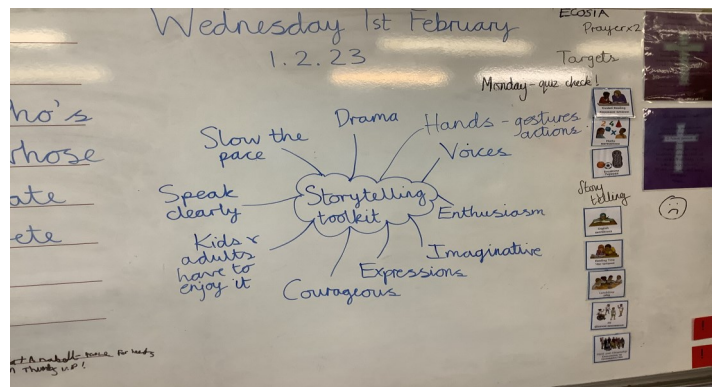
Year 5 Busybees Update



Another great week in Bees class! We started the week with joining a live story telling session with Wendy Shearer who has had a number of books published. She was leading a session on how to tell stories as part of the National Literacy Trust's story telling week. We had lots of fun getting our drama brains activated by playing lots of games using our bodies and voices to prepare to tell our own tales! We then spent a couple of lessons compiling a story telling toolkit and practising reciting our own stories which was lots of fun. We learnt some more tips from the master of story telling, Michael Rosen, who always makes us laugh! We're really looking forward to telling our stories, complete with enthusiastic expression and gestures, to Hatt, the Anglo-Saxon traveller next week.

In History, we used our computing skills to research the various Anglo-Saxon gods and goddesses which was fascinating. We put all of our work into a powerpoint presentation. We particularly liked Eostre who was the goddess of nature, Hel who was the goddess of death, Thunor the god of chaos and Frige who was the goddess of homes, family, marriage and children. Well done for all your hard work and have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies have been ramping up their work with the half term fast approaching; they've rounded off their line-dancing routine and it's looking authentically American!

In our topic lesson, we had a great time creating our own tectonic plates and floating them on the magma of the Earth! The children used this representation to understand how the interaction of the tectonic plates has altered the landscape on our planet and how they create earthquakes.

In Science, we made our own periscopes to understand how light allows us to see around corners via mirrors! The children worked really well, using perand the periscopes were very effective!

Mr Clarke & Mrs Norman

