

Class Updates - 20.01.2023



Butterflies update:

We have continued our **Space** topic with lots of fun activities this week including:

- A Science experiment with a Balloon rocket - learning the word 'thrust' which propelled the balloon forward along the string as the air went out of the balloon.
- Creating a 3 stage rocket using paper/card/toilet roll/foil and tape.
- Learning facts about real space rockets from the past and the present.
- Reading together the super Jill Murphy book '**Whatever Next!**' and the children acted out the story and some created a picnic on the moon with baby bear and his new friend owl.
- Completing space puzzles, and constructing rockets and aliens from Lego and Playdough.
- Reading space related sentences and learning new **Phase 3 digraphs** in Phonics with included '**oo**', '**zoom to the moon**'.
- Writing CVC words to describe Baby ted in his box rocket and writing a 'I can see..' sentence .
- Completing Space related maths work including sequencing the story, and Counting 'I Spy' and learning the composition of '**6**'.



Wow, what a fun and busy week! The children are really engaged in their learning and we are enjoying seeing the children bring in their own space models from home.

Have a super weekend,

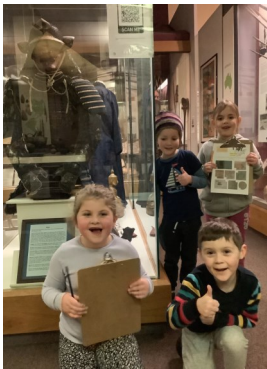
Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a fantastic week in Ladybirds this week. The children have been engaged in lots of new learning. We loved finding out about the castles built by the Normans and the Battle of Hastings. Our trip to the Saffron Walden Museum was fantastic and has helped to get us even more excited about our topic. We've been creating castles in Art and practising our printing skills. We are learning a new dance in PE and we had a great time at an icy forest school!



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 Team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in Math Year 2 have been learning about money. We have been working in groups setting up shops and utilising our mathematics skills by practicing using the right amount of money to buy the items that are being sold—we learned a lot and had a great deal of fun in the process!

In computing we have been learning about algorithms. We have created our own simple instructions to give to one another to follow. We also had great fun practicing this with the bee bots!



Miss Allin, Miss Naunton & the Year 2 team



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Grasshoppers,

We have had another busy week of learning! Firstly, we have been doing work on our tapping project and using it to support us at different parts of the day. I have been so impressed with the children and how they have engaged in this project. Please feel free to ask them to talk you through our routine and see if it also has benefits at home!



In maths this week, we have been learning about division. The children have been fantastic in learning about it visually and also using a formal method to solve problems.



Finally, this week we learned more about our new topic (Biomes). The children have been using map work to find different biomes across the world and to evaluate what climate each biome would contain.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 team

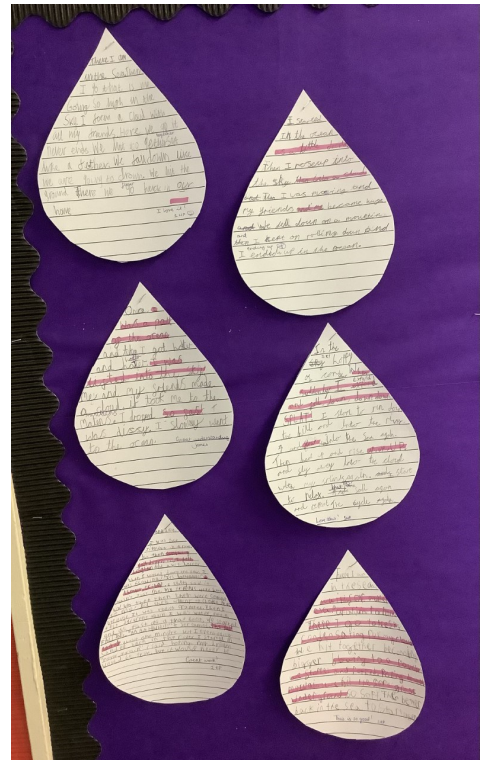
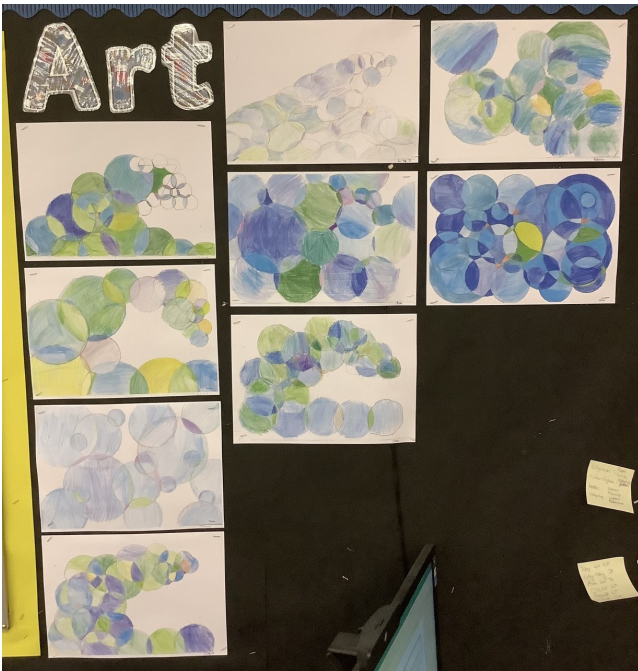


Year 4 Fireflies Update

In P.E, this class are practicing indoor athletics skills including: speed bounce, standing long and vertical jump, relay (including obstacles) and javelin. The class's engagement and determination has been great to see. Mr Jarmain spent a session with them showing them the different skills and he was really impressed with how hard they worked, their focus and their impeccable behaviour.

In art, we have started looking at water focussing on shape, colour, pattern and movement. Using these skills, the children used flat shapes to create water patterns (including wave shapes) then used coloured pencils to show the range of colours present in water.

In geography, the children used our science learning (of the water-cycle) to write poems imagining themselves as raindrops experiencing the water-cycle. I was so impressed with their creativity and loved reading the different poems!



Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update

What an enjoyable week we have had! The children are really applying themselves with enthusiasm in their learning about Anglo-Saxons. They can't wait to get going on writing their legends next week, having come up with lots of interesting and imaginative ideas in their planning sessions. History lessons have helped fuel their imagination—they have done some fantastic research into old Anglo-Saxon place names this week and we look forward to exploring the box of artefacts from the Saffron Walden museum next week.

The Busybees are really getting their heads around decimals—we have been ordering and comparing them as well as adding and subtracting multiples of 0.1 and 0.01. Next week we move on to fractions which can sometimes prove a little tricky, so any extra practice (the more practical the better) at home would be appreciated.

We're working very hard in PE on our netball and indoor athletics skills, ready for inter-school competitions, the first of which is indoor athletics next week at Dame Bradbury's. If your child is selected for the team, a letter will be sent home shortly. We were very lucky to welcome Carron Shaw from USSP to our netball lesson this week—she certainly put the children through their paces and we had lots of fun doing various passing/footwork drills and mini games. Thanks to Carron for her valuable time!

Next week in Science we are starting a new topic all about every day materials, so if you have anything interesting to share then please bring it in. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies class have had a great time this week, particularly when they received a surprise brownie from one of the class, who had made it during their cookery session!

This spurred us into a week where the class explored how light travels and creates shadows in Science—the children designed their own experiments to try and work out what happens to an object's shadow when you move a light source further from it. Ask your child to see what they found out and why!

We have also been performing drills in our netball lessons, practising how to pass and move; the children quickly learnt that a sport where you can't move when you have the ball actually require more movement than ones where you can!

In English, the Dragonflies finished off their news reports and their language choice was perfect—the pieces all really sounded like they were being read by professional news anchors! Now, the children are preparing for our next unit, which will see us taking some characters on an adventure.

Have a great weekend and we'll see you next week,



Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

