

Class Updates - 13.01.2023

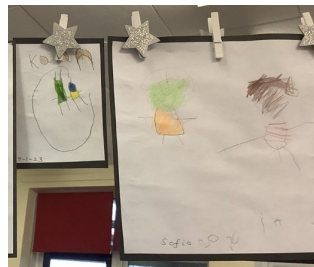
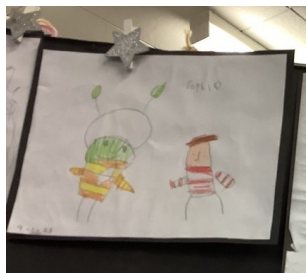
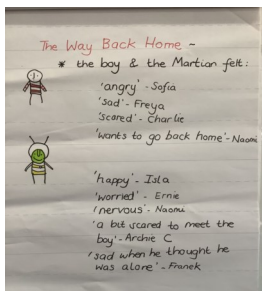


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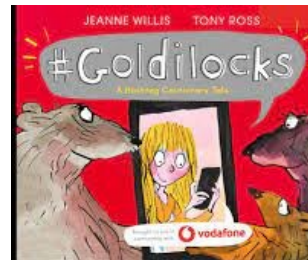
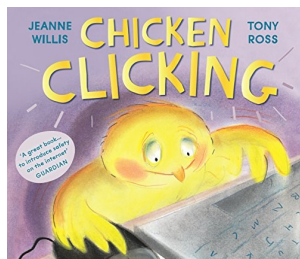
The children have had a super return back to school and Butterflies enjoyed the launch of our new **Topic 'Space'** with our first story **'The Way Back Home'**. The



children have created their own space pictures and some wonderful drawings of the boy and Martian from the story. In **PSED** we thought about how the boy and Martin felt when they thought that they were alone on the moon.



We have also looked at staying safe online and have been reading the books **'Clicking Chicken'** and **'#Goldilocks'**.



We are continuing to learn about **e-Safety** over the next few weeks through the adventures of **'Smartie the Penguin'**. Please visit website <https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin/> for more information on how to talk about keeping safe online with your child.

Reading—Just a reminder that your child needs to bring their reading book and reading record into school everyday so that we can read with the children in groups or 1-1.

Space Topic - If your child has any space related story books or non-fiction/fact books, puzzles, games or toys, please can they bring them in to share with the rest of the class in school and for 'Show and Tell'.

Many thanks.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Jeewan, & Miss Willis



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

A very busy first full week back for Year 1! We have started lots of new learning including our 'Once Upon a time' topic. In English we have been looking at fairytales and have loved listening to lots of stories. In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting within 20 and we have learnt four new sounds in phonics this week. We are doing a dance unit in PE this half term and enjoyed doing lots of superhero poses! We are really enjoying learning to programme the Beebots in computing and have started looking at our new Science unit learning how to identify and sort animals into groups. In PHSCE we are talking about ways to stay safe at school, home and online and in Art we are creating castles with repeated printed patterns.

*Please don't forget that we have our trip to the Saffron Walden museum next **Tuesday 17th January**. Payment is due now via school money. Have a lovely weekend.*

Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Year 2 have had a busy first full week back after the Christmas holidays and have been working extremely hard. In English, we have been looking at Anthony Browne's 'The Tunnel' and the children have been thinking of their own ideas about what might be through the tunnel and have been planning adventure stories based around this. In maths this week, we have finished our shape unit. We have recapped the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes and have reached our end point where the class have been comparing and sorting both 2D and 3D objects.

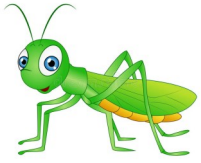
In PE this half term, we are looking at ball skills using our feet and practised dribbling on Tuesday. In our Friday PE lessons, we have started our dance unit and the class enjoyed created movements to show that they were explorers or animals ready for their explorer based dances.

In Art, we looked at the work of Pablo Picasso and discussed colours, shapes and emotions portrayed in his artwork. Caterpillars will be using this knowledge to help with creating their own Picasso style artwork this half term.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



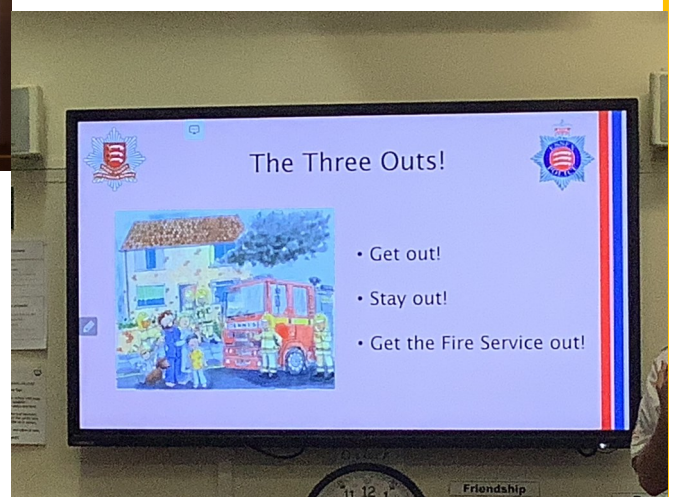
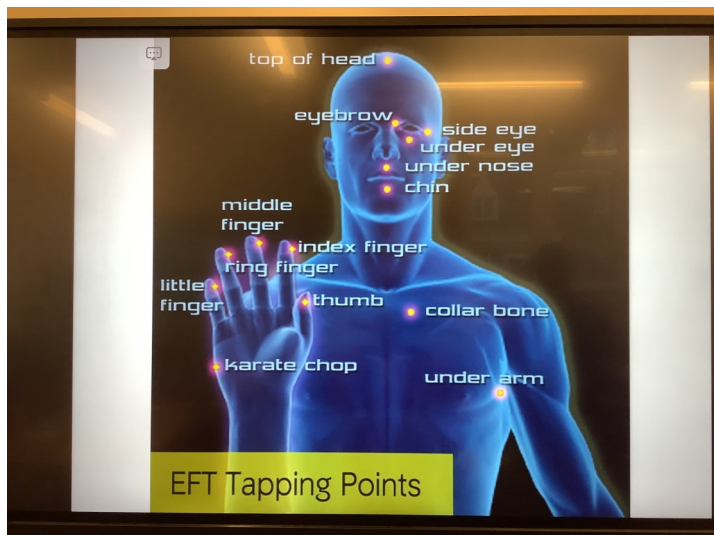
Grasshoppers,

Well done on our first full week back after Christmas! I am impressed with how the children have adapted to our routines and their focus during lessons. This week, we had a very important visit from the Essex County Fire and Rescue service. I was impressed by the children's maturity during this session, and they were given a handout involving different hazards in a picture to take home and quiz parents/carers on! The children learned about various dangers in the home, ensuring we test our smoke alarms regularly and escape plans in case of a fire.

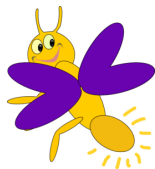
Also, this week, we were lucky to have Mrs Shackleton come in and teach the class about 'tapping' or emotional freedom techniques. Tapping teaches us to 'tap' the acupressure points to help with stress and anxiety. The children were outstanding during the session, and they have routines we are going to practise over the next few weeks.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 Team



Year 4 Fireflies Update



Welcome back Fireflies! I am so impressed how the class have settled back into school life and are already working hard. This week we have started our new topic 'Water' by looking at the water-cycle. We spent the session looking at all the stages of the cycle and the vocabulary linked to each stage. In English, we have started our new adventure story unit by describing characters and settings using adjectives, similes and even some personification.

In maths, we are continuing with our multiplication and division unit and have been finding factor pairs of given numbers. These are the multiplication pairs that form a number, for example: the factor pairs of 10 are—1, 10 and 2, 5.

In PSHCE, we revisited e-safety with the focus of 'what information NOT to share online'. I was impressed with what the class already knew and how sensibly they spoke about keeping safe online.

In P.E, the children finished off the gymnastics unit by creating a sequence of bridges using their bodies. The first one was using mirroring, the second was creating a bridge as one group and then the third was creating a bridge with someone moving under it.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update

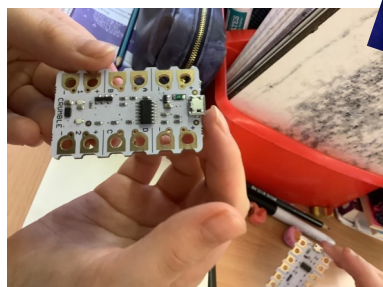
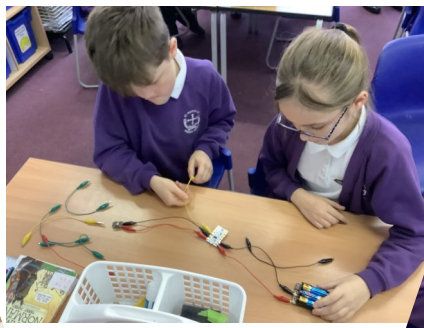
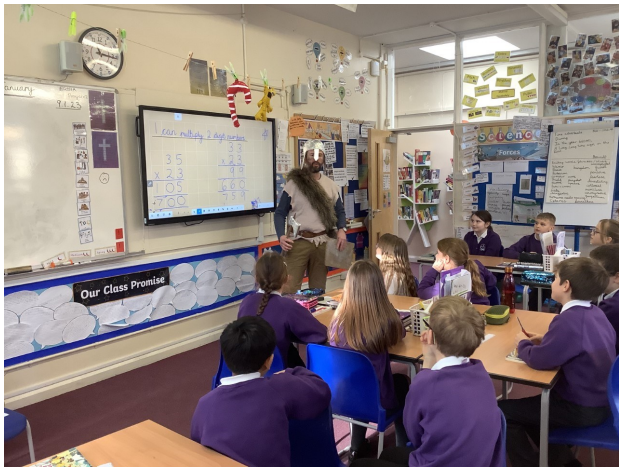


The Busybees have had a great first week back with lots of exciting visitors who have helped enormously with their learning. At the start of the week, the children were intrigued to meet an Anglo-Saxon traveller called Hatt who was able to tell them all about where the Anglo-Saxons came from. He was looking for volunteers to help with his epic adventure through Europe. Hatt talked to the class about his life as an Anglo-Saxon as a skilled farmer who collected wheat, barley and other crops. He explained about how he made his clothes including his helmet, axe and sword, how he uses them to keep him safe from animals such as wolves and bears! The children asked some brilliant questions and behaved really well. Hatt tells me that he is looking forward to taking them on some further adventures in the future! The children are loving the new units in English and History on the Anglo-Saxons and the legend of Beowulf. They have already shared some wonderful ideas for their legends in their writing.

We were very lucky to also have a visitor from SWCHS—Mr G who guided us through our first session on programming. The children really impressed him with their ability to analyse and use crumbles, sparkles and many different wires attached to battery packs. They even got on to some coding to control their crumbles and were thrilled with what they could achieve. They will be working towards creating an object that moves using the crumbles to programme so with this in mind, could you please bring in any old kitchen towel rolls and cereal boxes, thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies have come back well-rested after the Christmas break and spent the first two days just finishing off some bits that we couldn't quite fit in with all the furore that makes up a primary school festive season! They completed their popups, connected their different pages, and the effect is fantastic! The children learnt a huge amount over our DT unit, from drawing, to measurement, to storytelling! We have also begun our geography unit—the children have had great fun learning some general facts about disastrous weather, but also found it just as much fun learning how to use longitude and latitude to find cities around the globe! They labelled maps, including the tropics, equator and the arctic and Antarctic circles.

We have also been trying to read like news reporters in English, which we will use to write our own reports in our lessons. The children were given a strange story involving the Year 6s and an orangutan, and were tasked to read it as solemnly as they would a serious news story. Some were very professional; others couldn't quite keep the grins off their faces!

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

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

