

Class Updates - 16.02.2024



Reception Butterflies update:

It has been another great week in Reception. In our RE lesson, the children explored lots of items to celebrate **Chinese New Year** and learnt that 2024 is the **Year of the Dragon**.

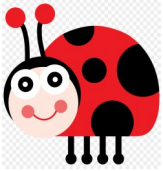


This week Butterflies also had the wonderful opportunity to be whatever they wanted to be when 'Little City' visited....



Have a super week off,

Mrs Jeewan, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Willis and Mrs Tagg



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have worked our socks off right up to half term in Ladybirds class!

This week they have all completed phonics assessments and impressed us with their excellent reading. In Maths we have been weighing and measuring using balance scales. Out in Forest School, the children used hand drills to make their own Valentine's necklaces.

We finished our computing unit, programming beebots to move around the mat and debugging the programming sequences that didn't work.

On Friday, we had a special visit from the Little City role play company, giving us a chance to play and interact with our friends in an immersive environment. We wish you all a safe and happy half term, recharging your batteries!



Mrs McInnes, Ms Nicholson and Mrs Wulfse



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in Caterpillar class, we started our new science topic– Animals including humans. First we looked at the basic needs of a human being to survive. We spent the lesson in the Forest school area building shelters using our problem solving skills. We looked at a healthy diet and sorted food into the different food groups. We have also looked at exercise, predicted which exercises make our heart rate increase and movements that do not. We have then investigated this to see if our predictions were correct.

We have worked very hard in maths this week, multiplying and dividing by 10. We really got the hang of this and felt like mathematicians by the end of the week!

In English, we have looked closely at descriptive sentences. We used a sentence wall to include a noun, verb, adjective and adverb into every sentence!

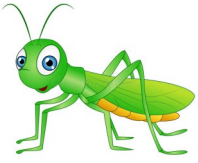
ICT this week was interesting! We looked at pictograms and created our own tally charts using the data. We finished the lesson playing pictogram games on the iPad.

Everyone has worked incredibly hard this half term and have all created work they should be proud of. Have a wonderful, relaxing half term!

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade



Grasshoppers Update

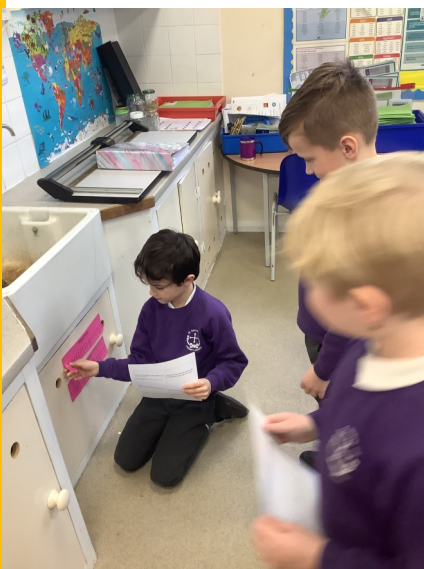


Yet another busy week in Grasshoppers! This year is going so quickly! Firstly, in science this week, we learned about Mary Anning and her massive contribution to palaeontology. The children created some lovely fact files with her achievements and how she conquered all the difficulties she encountered.

In Maths, the children have continued to look at fractions and finding fractions of amounts. Even though we found this task tricky, the children persevered and could find fractions of relatively large quantities! Well done, Year 3!

Finally, in our weekly music lesson, we played three little birds using different notes on the recorder. We also used our voices during the lesson to sing the song– this is an incredibly catchy song that the children have enjoyed learning. Have a fantastic half-term.

Mr Brown and the Y3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

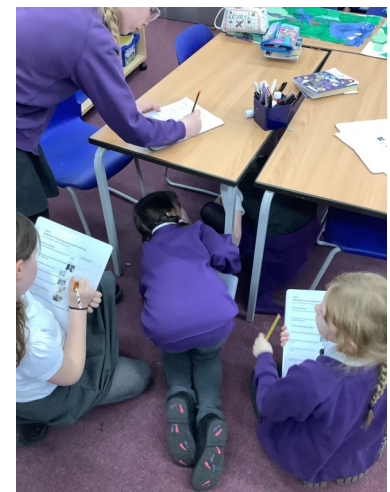
Another half term done! We are officially halfway through year 4 which I can't believe.

This week in maths, the class have been finishing off decimals and then reviewing all they have learnt during this fractions and decimals unit. I have been really pleased with how well they have understood and retained what we have been learning. In English, the class planned and then started writing their Information Texts. This is something we will continue after half term.

In topic, the children have been creating 2D representations of a river to highlight the key features and share what they have learnt. In computing, we finished up our data logging unit by collecting specific data, for example: loudest scream, temperature of boiling water and traffic noise.

This was also our first week swimming. This will continue after half term with the last session being Friday 22nd March.

Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye



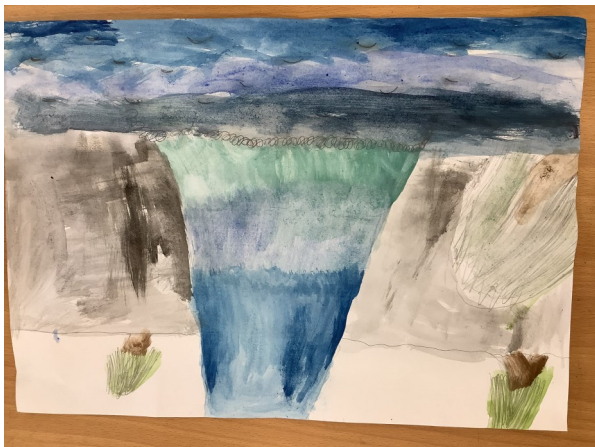
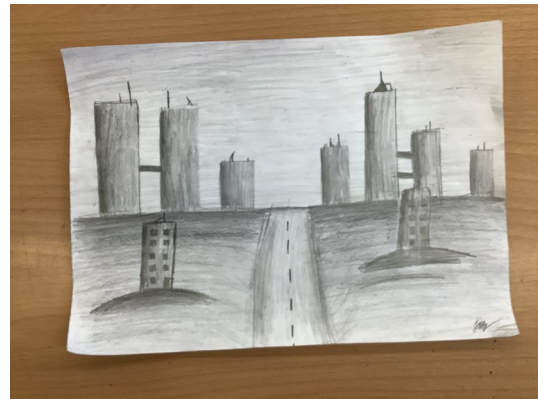
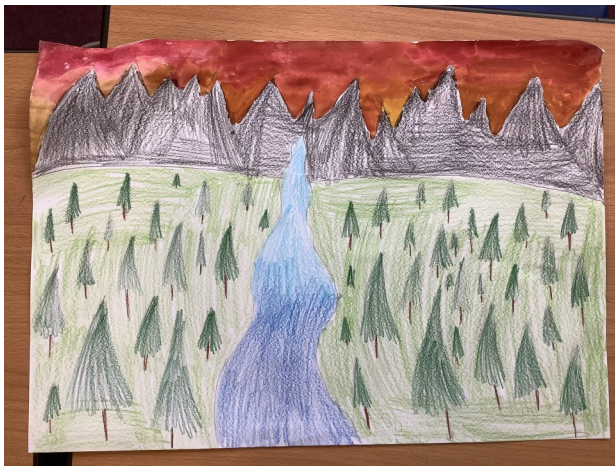
Year 5 Busybees Update



What a wonderful week we have had! The Busy Bees have been working incredibly hard! In maths we have been multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. In English, we have been practising different writing techniques as well as playing a SPAG game based on the quiz show, 'Who wants to be a millionaire.' We performed our song - Make you feel my love - to Year 1 and we have also been working hard to perfect our dance for the dance show on the 27th February. We finished our unit in RE on anti-racist RE by looking at the story of Saint Peter and Cornelius. We also finished our Art project on landscapes and perspective. The children had to transfer their designs onto a larger piece of paper and think carefully about how to maintain the perspective by using lines to draw the eye and colour to indicate distance.

Thank you, Bees, for another great half term - have a wonderful break and we will see you soon!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another half term finished and it has just whizzed by! The children had the same energy all the way through the last week in all their lessons.

We began writing our spooky suspense stories on Monday—we didn't quite manage to finish them but we're looking forward to adding the final touches to them when we get back after half term! It's been amazing to see how enthusiastic they all been and how much effort they've put in to include all the techniques we've learnt in Year 6.

Dragonflies also had another practical lesson in Science—we looked at how light creates shadows, investigating whether and how the shadow was altered when the object was closer or further from a light source.

But by far and away the subject the class enjoyed the most this week was...Geography! Not only did we learn about tectonic plates and how they cause earthquakes, we also worked on our map knowledge and skills. The class learnt how to find cities with 6 figure grid references, how to label the continents and oceans, and we then delved into learning the countries of Europe—can your child remember the seven continents, 5 oceans or the countries of a specific continent?

Have a great half term and we'll see you after the break!

Mr Clarke , Miss Naunton and Mrs Wilkinson

