

Class Updates - 09.02.2024

Reception Butterflies update:



It has been lovely to see so many of our reception children back, following the outbreak of chicken pox we have been experiencing over the last few weeks!

Throughout this week, Butterfly class have been developing their Mindfulness skills by learning about their Magic Breath.

For children's Mental Health Week (called 'My Voice Matters') the children discovered they can use happy thoughts to blow away negative ones and used ink, pastels and paint to represent their own magic breath. Take a look at their lovely artwork.

Have a lovely weekend,

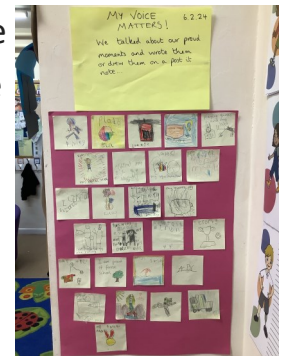
Mrs Jeewan, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Willis and Mrs Tagg





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week has been Children's Mental Health week and the class have been focusing on PHSCE. The theme of the week has been 'My Voice Matters' and the children have been talking about their proud moments and what they feel grateful for. We have also been focusing on mindfulness and doing some meditation and yoga. They also produced



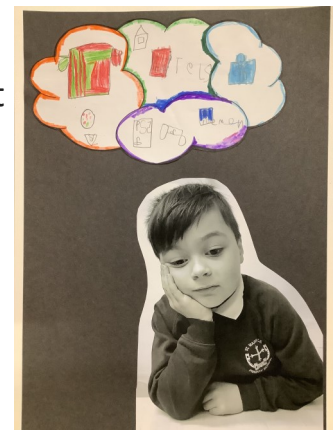
beautiful art work showing what is important to them.

We have also been busy in Maths measuring objects with non-standard units such as blocks and with rulers using centimetres.

We have finished writing our adventure stories about the animal detectives, based on Mini Grey's Hermelin.



In Computing we talked about Safer Internet Day, reading Digiduck stories which teach us how to stay safe online.



<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>

We had a great time last Friday learning to ride our bicycles. All of us had a go at taking off the stabilizers and cycling independently.



Mrs McInnes, Ms Nicholson and Mrs Wulfse



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have been very busy in Caterpillar class this week! This week we have been celebrating children's mental health week, completing a series of activities to keep a healthy mind. We mixed primary colours to create secondary colours for our art work, mindfulness breathing after lunch time and yoga before home time. We also completed our own daily journal, reflecting on our feelings throughout the day and finding strategies to help support this.

On Tuesday it was Internet safety day. We read Mo and Jaz's story about their online interactions and identified our own trusted adults. As a class, we discussed the dangers of gaming and how stranger danger also applies online. We identified ways to stay safe when gaming and identified ways that could cause harm.

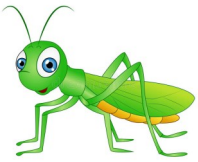
This week we came to the end of our RE topic, discussing how Christians are kind to everyone all of the time and how they can show this. We have written our examples of these actions and thought about how we can show kindness all the time.

In English we have started planning another narrative story, inspired by Swapna Haddow, turning a family member into an animal. We started the week with some role-play, thinking carefully about the adjectives used to describe different animals. Across the week we have brought humour into our English lessons planning our story and character.

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade



Grasshoppers Update



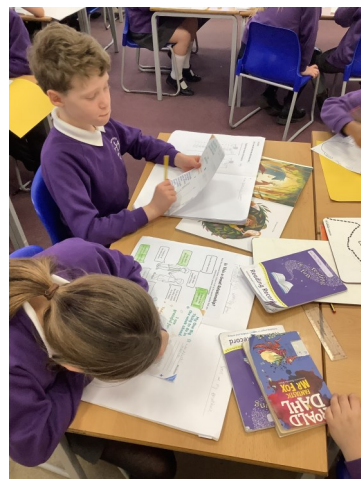
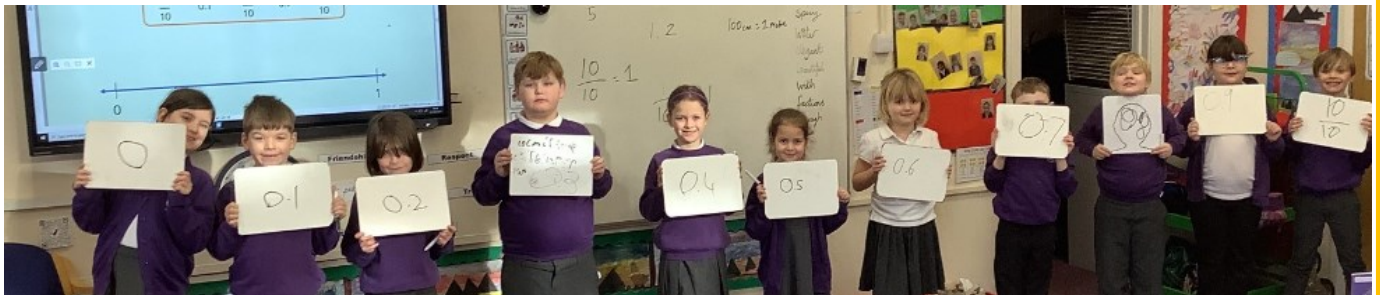
We have had another busy week in Grasshoppers! Throughout this week, we have completed activities to do with Children's Mental Health week and the theme 'My Voice Matters'. Throughout the week, we have completed activities to do with mindfulness and focussing on what we are good at. The children then finished their activity in art activity showing positive words about themselves. Another focus this week has been internet safety, thinking about how we can stay safe online.

In Science this week, we have been continuing to look at rocks and fossils. The children have been learning about the fossilisation process and how fossils are formed. I was impressed with how well the children could remember the tricky scientific vocabulary for this task and each stage.

Finally, in maths, we have developed our understanding of fractions by learning decimals and matching them. We have looked at counting in tenths, recognising fractions and solving some fraction/decimal based problems.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Y3 team





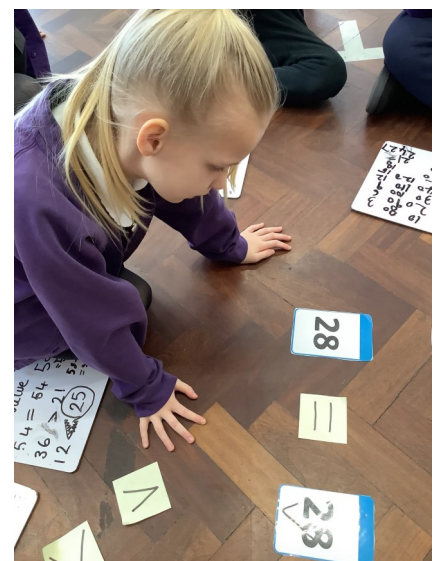
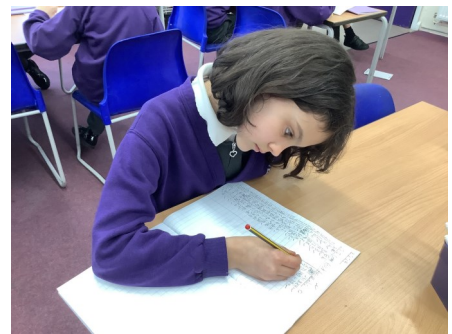
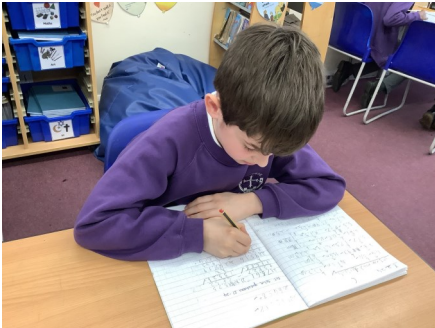
Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week in maths, we have been converting fractions to decimals to 2 decimal places (tenths and hundredths). We have also been comparing and ordering decimals and rounding to the nearest whole number and tenths.

In English, the children have been using the key features of an Information Text (fronted adverbials, commas, possessive apostrophes, plurals and pronouns) to write their own sentences about capturing 'beasts'.

In science, we are looking at environmental changes such as pollution and how they affect habitats and the living things within them. For Children's Mental Health week, the class have completed their 'My Voice Matters' art work (I hope you will be able to come and see them after school on Monday & Tuesday next week) as well as thinking about what they are proud of and what makes them feel positive.

Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye



Year 5 Busybees Update

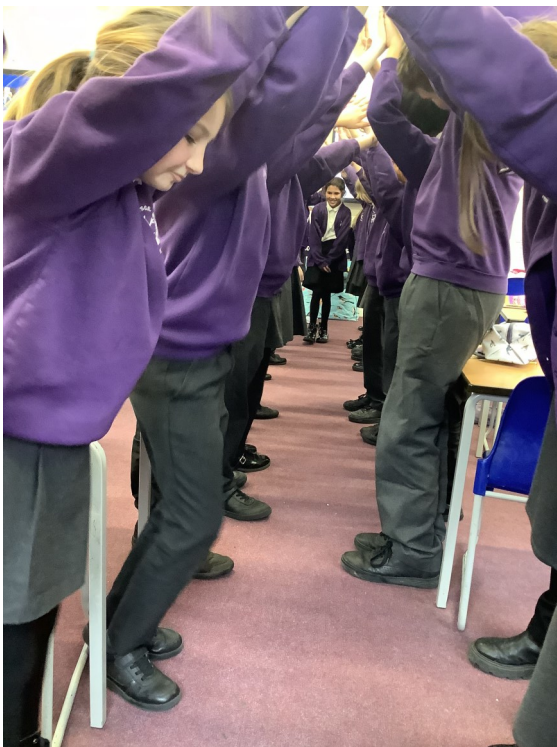


Another week of changes in Year 5, but again the class has coped brilliantly. They have worked hard to complete their own version of a suspense story in the style of Sherlock Holmes—we have lots of budding Watson's in our midst!

Maths has continued our focus on fractions and the children are increasingly confident in using mixed numbers, improper fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and now multiplying them as well! We have taken time to consider Children's Mental Health Week and what it means to us. The have created artwork to reflect their personalities and are looking forward to displaying it during the showcase. We have also continued our thoughts about what it means to take risks and how we can safely turn down initiations that we feel uncomfortable about. The class have also rehearsed their dance for the performance next week—we hope you will be impressed!

Well done, Year 5—you have worked hard this week!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dragonflies have finished off their penultimate week of this half term still retaining energy and enjoying their learning; this week, we've had a focus on mental health, Science and creating our own spooky suspense stories!

As it's been children's mental health week, we took some time out of our usual timetable to reflect on what makes us special, what gives us enjoyment in life and how to feed our brains a diet of positive thoughts. To aid this, we created art that depicted these things, using colours against a black and white photo of ourselves to represent how there's so much more going on inside each and every one of us than meets the eye!

In Science, we had **two** investigations this week—both of them involving refraction of light (can your child remember what it means to say that light 'refracts'?). The children used water and glass to see what happened when you attempted to look at a picture through these different mediums: one where they placed an arrow behind the glass of water and another where they put a glass over a picture and then filled up the glass with water. The results were certainly unexpected!

We also began our spooky stories in English. The class looked at how the story built up tension and how actually never finding out what happens can be scarier than the most fearsome monster! The class all really enjoyed the story and can't wait to try their own hands at creating their own. Hopefully they won't be too scary when they show you at a book look...

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

Mr Clarke , Miss Naunton and Mrs Wilkinson

