

Class Updates - 19.01.2024

Reception Butterflies update

Another super week Butterflies!

The children are enjoying our **Zoom to the Moon** topic and we have began creating space rockets out of junk modelling—thank you parents and carers for bringing in all the boxes and plastic bottles for the children to use!

The children have had another very active week and have loved their **PE and Forest school sessions**.



In **RE** the children learnt about the Hindu festival **Holi**, which celebrates the start of Spring and is also well known as the 'festival of colours'. Butterflies loved the idea of throwing colourful paint at friends, but we were not brave enough in school! The children did enjoy dancing along to a Holi Dance.

Next week we will be learning more about space and astronauts. The children will also have the opportunity to try out our new bikes and trikes!



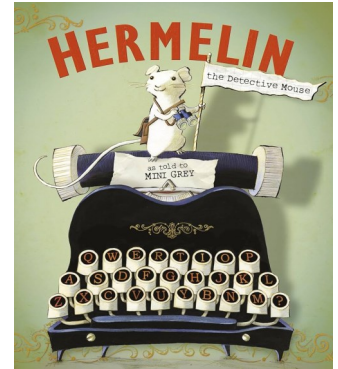
Have a lovely weekend everyone,

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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds have been excited to start on a new book in English—Hermelin. It's the story of a detective mouse who solves lots of mysteries and the children love it! We have been discussing a bag of objects we found that belong to him and making predictions about what might happen next...



We had lots of fun in Art practising our printing techniques using objects we found in the classroom like duplo, stickle bricks and wooden discs. We enjoyed creating repeating patterns. Next time, we will think about how nature could inspire our designs like the famous designer Orla Kiely. We all like her dog cushion best!



Just a quick reminder for Forest School to remember lots of layers, waterproofs, hat, gloves and thick socks when the weather is this cold (on Wednesday morning it was -2 degrees!). We had to lend out a lot of clothing this week. We are encouraging the children to look after their own belongings and make sure they have everything in their bag at the end of sessions. Please practice this at home.

Mrs McInnes, Ms Nicholson and Mrs Wulfse



Year 2 Caterpillars Update



This week Caterpillar class have continued their ICT lessons, trialing different algorithms. This week we made predictions about our algorithms and investigated whether our predictions were correct using the Beebots. This can be tricky when there are four directions to pay close attention to.

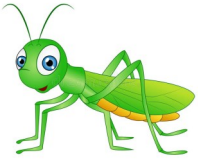
In English this week, we have started gathering ideas for our own writing, using similes and conjunctions to improve our writing. We have started creating our own characters for our own narrative writing, using role play to fully understand our characters thoughts, feelings, actions and have used adjectives to describe them.

In Geography this week, we used Google maps to look at and locate amazing places around the world, such as the Amazon rainforest, the Great Wall of China, The Great Barrier Reef, The Great Pyramids of Giza, The Statue of Liberty and more. We located the continent where each amazing place was and began learning a song about the 5 oceans. We then used an atlas to locate the 5 oceans and identified these on our world maps.



Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade.

Grasshoppers Update



Another busy week in Grasshoppers. In English this week we have been continuing to look at describing our narrative setting.

Throughout our unit we have been using the picture book 'Rhythm of The Rain' which has fantastic pictures for us to use to help us with our writing.

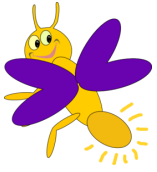
In Maths, the children have been finishing looking at using the bus stop method for division. I have been so impressed with how they have approached this tricky aspect of Maths and persevered when they have found it hard. The whole class have been using this method and some of us have even managed to use the inverse (multiplication) to check our answers.

Finally, in PSHE, we played a game involving hot seating. We had to ask a serious selection of questions around truthfulness, friendship and kindness. The children approached this with maturity and respect which was fantastic to see.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown, Mrs Norman Ms Humphreys





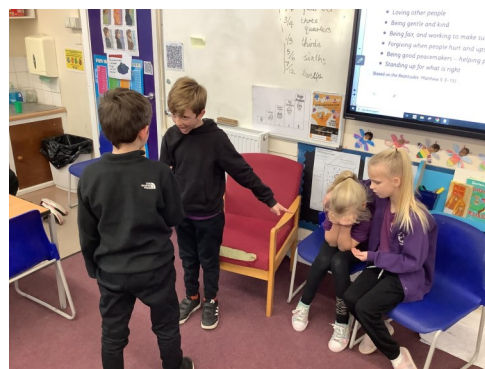
Year 4 Fireflies Update

In maths this week, the class have been identifying equivalent fractions using multiplication and division skills. In English, we have been identifying the key features of an adventure story. The children also did character descriptions using a wide range of adjectives.

In R.E, our focus this unit is 'how Christians choose to live'. This week, we looked at the Beatitudes and in groups the children modelled kindness, fairness, peacekeeping etc.... using freeze-frames.

In science, we continued to classify living things. The children used classification keys to show their understanding of reptiles, mammals, birds, fish, amphibians as well as the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. In music, Mrs Smith introduced the class to an anti-bullying rap and the class started to think of elements they could add into their own raps.

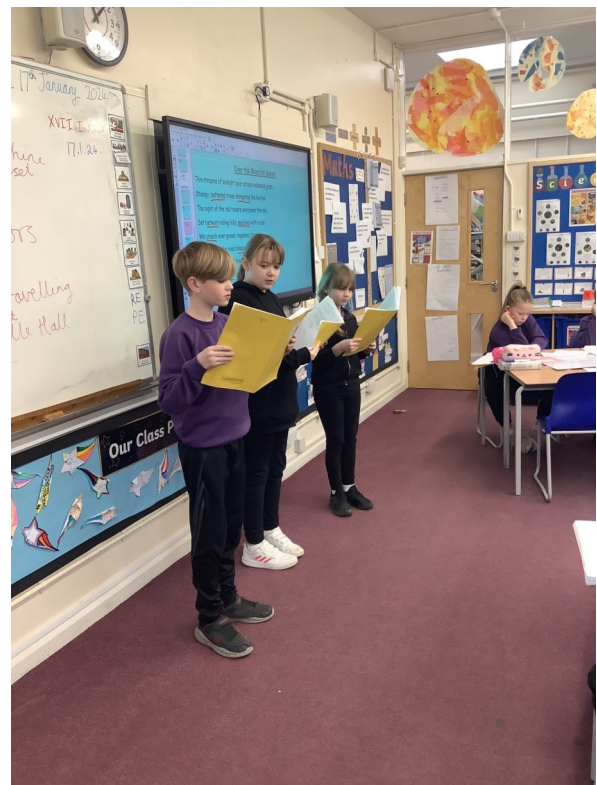
Mr Pike, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye





Year 5 Busybees Update

This week we have been working extremely hard in Year 5. We have started a new unit in English looking at a cliffhanger narrative. Our vehicle text has been *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The children have worked hard to incorporate new vocabulary into their writing including *vehemently*, *flanked* and *circumspectly*! They also wrote some wonderful, descriptive poems. In maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions by ordering and comparing fractions less than 1 and greater than 1. The children have been singing beautifully in music and in French we have been asking each other what sports we enjoy....*Tu aimes la gymnastique?*



Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

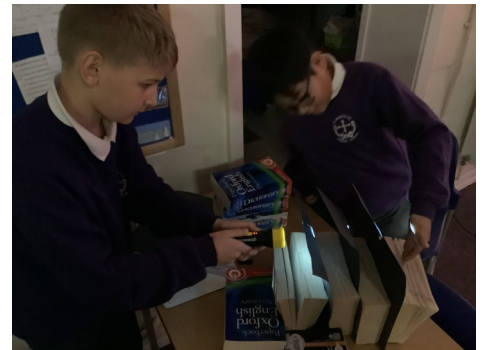
Another week gone! The Dragonflies have moved swiftly through the topics in our lessons this week, particularly in Maths, which saw them learning about coordinates, rotation, reflection, translation and enlargement by scale factors! The children dealt with the pace superbly and it was great to see them concentrating so hard on being accurate and methodical.

We also had a great time learning the first steps to our line-dancing routine! It was amazing to see so many pupils stepping out of their comfort zone to learn something they've never tried before.

In Science, we also began our unit on light. The first lesson had the children try to prove the statement: 'light travels in straight lines'. Their models were well thought-out and worked well; the children's explanations of how they worked were even better! We also looked at the speed of light and how it compares to the fastest things we knew about (even sound paled in comparison!) Can your child remember the approximate speed light travels at in metres per second?

We also had a few lessons requiring some reflection this week; we considered how to keep ourselves safe online, an especially important topic in this day and age, and we also had a short lesson on the Holocaust in preparation for Holocaust Memorial Day that will occur next week.

Have a great weekend!



Mr Clarke , Miss Naunton and Mrs Wilkinson