

# Class Updates - 23.09.2022



Another busy week in Butterfly class!

The children are continuing to settle into Reception routines and our class expectations. In **Maths** we are comparing amounts, sorting and matching objects as well as exploring patterns. We follow the **White Rose Maths learning scheme** and you can find out more on the White Rose website <https://assets.whiterosemaths.com/resources-2022/early-years/autumn-block-2-just-like-me/Phase%201%20Just%20like%20me.pdf>

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14
Autumn	Getting to Know You		Just Like Me!			It's Me 1 2 3!			Light and Dark		Consolidation			
Spring	Alive in 5!		Growing 6, 7, 8			Building 9 and 10			Consolidation					
Summer	To 20 and Beyond		First Then Now			Find My Pattern			On The Move					

In **Phonics** we have been very busy learning new GPCs (grapheme phoneme correspondence) and having a real try at writing as well as saying the new letter sounds. The children are also practising new segmenting and blending skills. Please check your child's Reading Record each week to see what we are learning in class and **support them at home with the weekly challenges**. Do look at the **Little Wandle Letters & Sounds Revised** website for more details on how to pronounce the phonemes correctly as well as downloading the grapheme mats:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Support for phonics | How we teach | Books coming home

These four videos show you how to pronounce the sounds. Notice how the children don't add an 'uh' sound at the end, so they say: 't' not 'tuh'. Use the downloadable information to help your child remember how to write their letters and say their sounds.

Videos

Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1

Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2

Phase 3 sounds taught in Reception Spring 1

Phase 5 sounds taught in Y1

Reception Autumn 1 sounds  
Download a guide to how children are taught to say their sounds in Reception Autumn 1

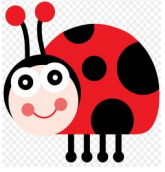
The children enjoyed the  **Scooter day** and all had a go at scootering around the playground!

Well done everyone for another amazing week.  
Have a lovely weekend,



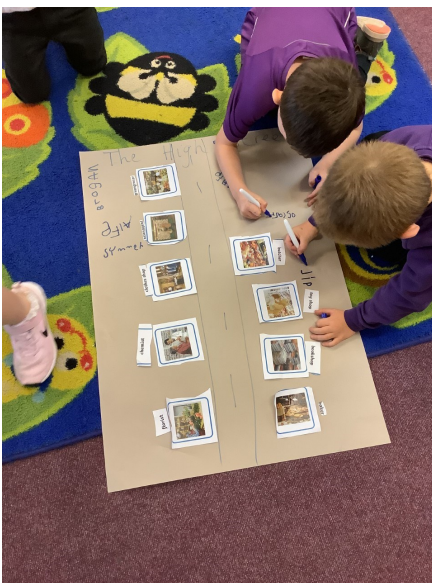
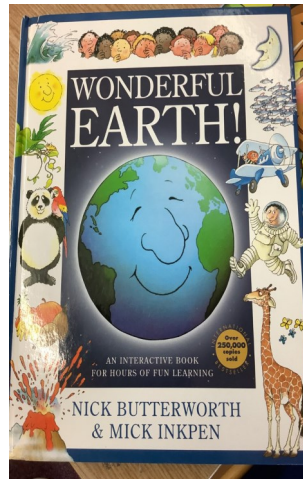
**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team**

## Year 1 Ladybirds Update



Another busy week in Ladybirds! We are really beginning to settle more into Year 1 routines and expectations. We are continuing to practise our place value knowledge in maths by comparing numbers and objects. In English, we have been busy writing reports on different shops that you might find in the High Street and we are trying very hard with our phonics—there is lots to learn! (Please check your child's reading record every Friday for words and sentences to practise at home). In RE, we read a beautiful story about our wonderful Earth and we discussed ways in which humans need to care for the world. In PE, we have been practising our ball control with our feet and in computing we are continuing to look at technology that we use in our classroom and at home.

### *Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team*



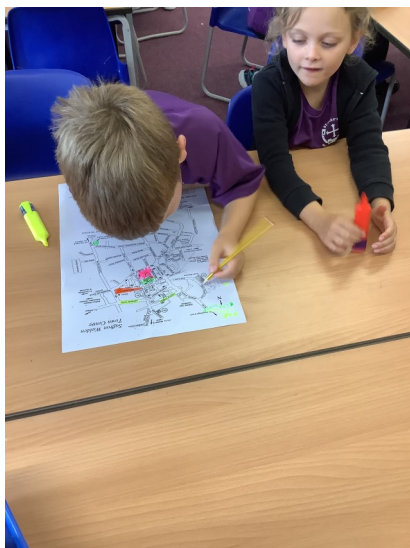


## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

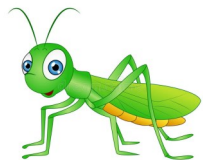
The Caterpillars have continued to work hard on their place value in maths this week. They have been identifying where numbers would lie on a number line between 1 and 100 and have also started to look at problem solving involving the place value skills they have been learning. In English this week, the class have completed their reports all about the life cycle of a butterfly. See if they can remember any of the facts that they included!

In topic this week, we have been looking at the local area and the class used their map skills to identify some of the places and things that they think make Saffron Walden special. They highlighted these places on their maps and created a key. The class also enjoyed riding their scooters around the playground yesterday!

### *Miss Allin & the Yr 2 team*



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



Grasshoppers,

I have thoroughly enjoyed being back in school and with you this week.

This week we have started our topic of Ancient Egypt and locating Egypt on a map. Also, in our topic lessons, we looked at artefacts to give us clues about the Ancient Egyptians. We will continue to work on artefacts and use sources to help us gather information.

In Maths, we have started looking at place value and reading numbers to help us know the value of each digit. The children worked hard using resources to help us show it visually and complete tasks on this topic.

Finally, In PSHE, we learnt about E-Safety and how to be safe on the internet. The children then created posters to show what they had learned.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

***Mr Brown & the Yr 3 team***





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

Although it has been a shorter week, it has been a busy one! In maths we have been adding and subtracting 10/100 and 1000 from given numbers using our place value knowledge. The class are using their skills confidently to do this. In English, we finished our Non-Chronological reports about mythical creatures and have focused on securing their knowledge of adjectives, nouns and verbs. In science, we started building electrical circuits using wires, bulbs, batteries (cells), buzzers and motors. The children really enjoyed making each component work and trouble shooting when it didn't. In PSHE, we were looking at different risks the children might encounter in their lives and discussing ways to combat each risk in a safe way. I was really impressed how confidently the class spoke about ways to keep safe in their day to day lives.

On Thursday, the girls went to a football skills morning at Katherine Seymour. There, they did different skills activities such as dribbling, passing, shooting and throwing. Then they mixed into teams of 5 with the other schools to play some short games. They behaved beautifully and threw themselves into every activity. It was lovely to see them enjoy it so much.

### ***Mr Pike & the Yr 4 team***



## Year 5 Busybees Update



What an active week this week! Lots of fun playing dodgeball—the children are really becoming a lot more accurate with their throwing and catching, well done.

Then the girls were off to Katherine Semar with Y6 girls for a football festival, picking up lots of new skills and making some friends from other schools along the way. Finally, we had our first week swimming which the children really enjoyed. Time for a well earned rest Year 5!

They've also worked really hard in the classroom, finalising their wonderful non-chronological reports, making posters about the planets and revisiting the class rules, how to stay safe and get on with others in the classroom.

***Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll***



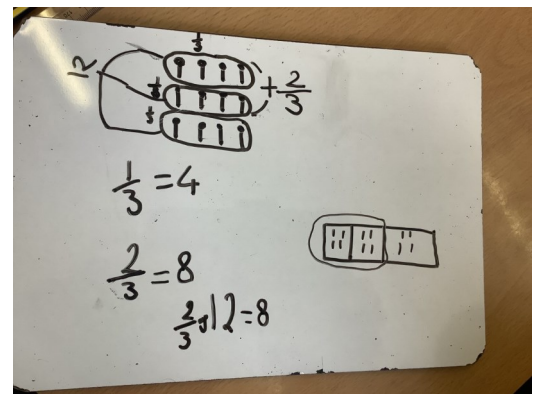
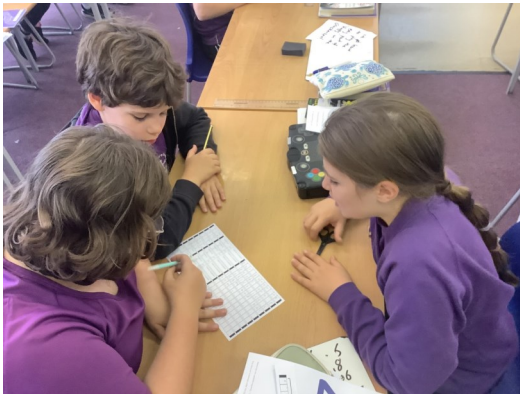


## Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies have packed a good deal of learning into this four day week, working especially hard on fractions! They've looked at finding fractions of amounts, adding fractions, subtracting fractions, dividing fractions and converting mixed fractions to improper fractions—pewh!

While the girls had a great time on their football skills afternoon, the boys practised using plaster of Paris (the same material they used for their fossils—I haven't got a sponsorship for this stuff, I swear!) to create different shapes in the run-up to us making our own Mayan festival masks.

The whole class have been doing great work in our Computing unit, where we have been looking at how information is sent over the internet. The children acted as routers and delivered data packets through our own network—ask your child if they can explain all the information that needs to be included in a data packet to be used correctly!



Mr Clarke & the Yr 6 team