

Class Updates - 29.09.2023



Reception Butterflies update

Well done everyone for a super week.

The children have worked hard in **Phonics** learning the first few phonemes (sounds) and graphemes (written letters). So far they have learnt: **s a t p l n m d g o c k**.

The first 'tricky word' they have also learnt this week '**is**'. **This** is tricky as the 's' has the 'z' sound.

In **Maths** the children are working with building amounts or 'subitizing' (quickly identifying) smaller amounts 1-5.



Forest School—Lots of fun again, this time learning how to use the rope swing and lying in a hammock – As well as splashing in muddy puddles!

Next week— Your children will be bringing home a wordless book that we will have read or talked about in class.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We've had a really busy week full of fun activities. The children worked hard creating their harvest festival hats for our special service on Tuesday, sang beautifully and behaved really well for Mr P, well done Ladybirds.



Mrs McInnes and Mrs Wulfse came back from their forest school course with lots of new ideas for the children and we tried one out on Wednesday morning - tie dying using square pieces of cotton and crushed blackberries foraged from a forest.



The children absolutely loved every step of the process and created some fantastic patterns - look out for them on the year 1 decking! In the next few weeks we will be getting creative with conkers so please go looking for some at the weekend and bring them in, thank you.



In Science this week we looked at our senses of smell and sight. We conducted an experiment to test out our noses and we were very impressed that the children could identify the various smells: cinnamon, vinegar, lemon, coffee, banana, shower gel and garlic.

Have a great weekend!

The Year 1 Team





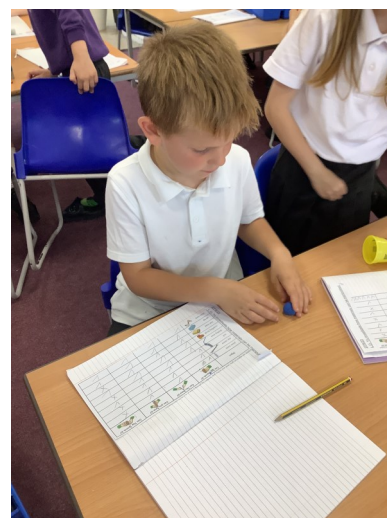
Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have been very busy this week in Caterpillar class. We all enjoyed celebrating Harvest festival in Church on Tuesday, presenting to the school the things we are thankful for.

Science this week has been a lot of fun. The children each had a turn at manipulating different materials, so that they could describe their properties. English this week has been full of adjectives. We have worked together as a class to build a bank of adjectives, which we later improved for our own character description. In maths, we have continued working on numbers within 100, using number lines and comparing objects. We continued with cricket on Monday, ensuring we were holding the bat correctly and hitting the ball accurately. Some of the children enjoyed some time practising their fundamental movement skills through yoga! We have continued with daily phonics sessions, which links with our spellings sent home every Friday. Children will be 'tested' on these spellings the following Friday, which is much more on the informal side. Children are used to writing spellings throughout their phonics sessions, so it is no different to this. Please reassure your child that these tests are nothing to worry about. Please continue to read with your child each week, and ensure their reading record and book is in their bag, ready to be changed on Friday and for spellings to be stuck in.



Mrs Holmes & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

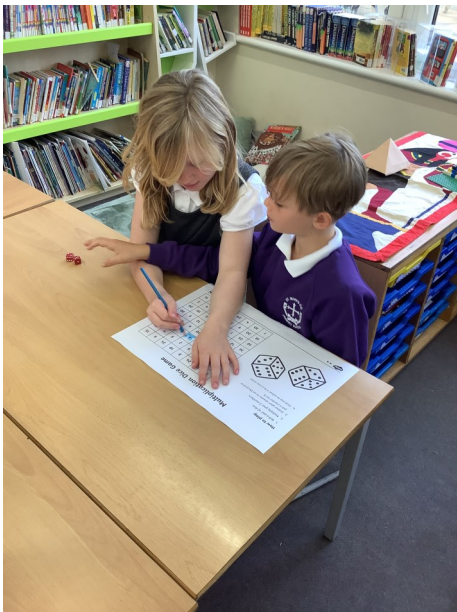
This week in Year 3, we have continued to look at place value. We have been focusing on how different numbers can be represented and comparing these other valuations. I have been impressed with how hard the children have been working on their knowledge of maths this week.

In Science, we have been looking at friction. We conducted an experiment involving different surfaces and a toy car. We used bubble wrap, paper and tin foil to see which caused the most friction and why.

Finally, in PSHE, we have been looking at the zones of regulation and different techniques we can use when we are in different zones. The children created their own ideas to help them throughout the day. Seeing the children talking in such a grown-up fashion was lovely to see.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Y3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week in Y4 we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and whole number in maths. I am so impressed with how the class have coped with this, often tricky, concept to grasp. In English, we have started our non-chronological report unit by describing the appearance, diet and habitat of Greek mythical creatures. Up next, the children will be creating their own mythical creature to write their report about.

In P.E, the class have continued to learn cricket skills from the external company that comes in. They have been focusing on maneuvering the ball and hitting accurately. In PSHCE, the class discussed all the devices that we have that can access the internet. We then thought about what we can discover on the internet. We then focused on e-safety and why it is so important to be kind and safe online and how best to do this at different ages.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team

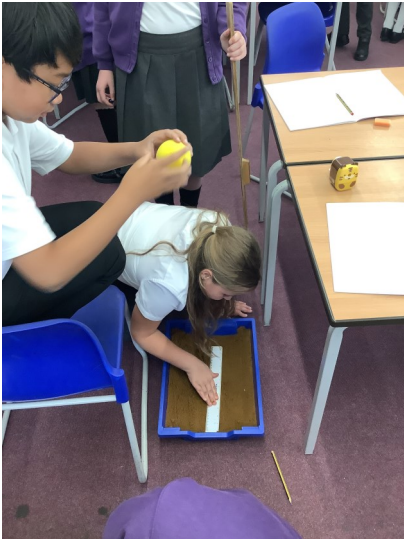


Year 5 Busybees Update



Another fantastic week in Bees! The children have continued to build on their knowledge of place value by ordering and comparing 6 digit numbers. In English, we have started a descriptive writing unit on Space where we are learning to use precise vocabulary and figurative language to create descriptive settings. In Science, we conducted an experiment investigating craters. We decided what variables to keep the same and which ones to change. We recorded our results and came up with conclusions!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies had an exciting start to their week this week!

We had a visit from Josh, a radio presenter from Star Radio in Cambridge.

We took part in a game they play on the radio called 'Clues From The Classroom'. This involved us telling clues into a microphone for the listeners to guess what or who we were describing. We had 5 different things to describe—the first was Ant from the famous duo Ant & Dec which was to be aired that same afternoon on the radio! The rest were going to be aired over the course of the week.

We were given the opportunity at the end to ask questions and find out more about Josh' job working as a radio presenter.



Have a great weekend!

Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton

