

Class Updates - 13.12.2024

Reception Butterflies update



What a wonderful week! Butterfly class were literally absolute angels at the Nativity! They sang and danced their socks off and behaved impeccably! We couldn't be prouder! A big shout out to Miss Hunter and her musical talents for getting them singing so beautifully! As well as practising and performing our Nativity we have kept busy in the class with a range of festive activities creating, as well as keeping active.

In Phonics we have continued to revisit all the sounds we have been learning in class and it is fantastic to hear them all reading and sounding out so confidently. They have been writing independently through the provision in the classroom and in adult led groups, sounding out and spelling winter themed CVC words. Our big focus this week has been DT and we have been designing, testing, baking, decorating and evaluating our own Christmas cookies. First we made a class pictogram to gauge what the most popular shape of cookie is in the class, and... the snowman won! After that we drew a design for our own individual cookie. Then we tested the cookie cutters using playdough. The next day we cut out the cookie shapes from cookie dough and baked them. On Wednesday we decorated them with icing and sprinkles. Finally we discussed what we would change next time we make cookies.



Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane , Miss Marks and Miss Brighten



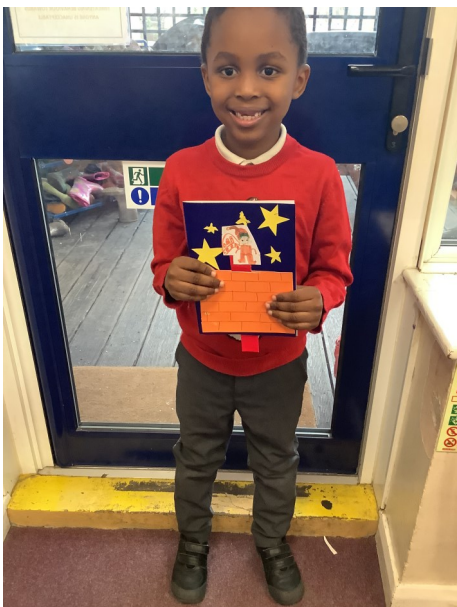
Year 1 Ladybirds Update

What a busy week! We began the week finishing our sliding Christmas cards in DT, making a variety of mechanisms. On Tuesday we enjoyed performing the nativity to all our special people. Wednesday we welcomed our new classmate– Nika.



We showed her what wonderful friends we are in Ladybird class. In Forest school, we stayed warm by the fire, roasting marshmallows and making our very own, scrumptious smores. It got very messy, but the taste was worth it! On Friday, we enjoyed the Word Parade. We had lots of fantastic costumes in Year 1!

Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a busy week we've had in Year 2 as we count down to Christmas!

This week, we've been hard at work finishing our non-chronological reports on owls. The children have done an amazing job gathering information and presenting their findings – well done, everyone!

We also kicked off our exciting DT project: pizza making! The children have been busy designing questionnaires and even surveyed pupils in Year 1 and Year 3 to gather their thoughts. Their enthusiasm and creativity have been fantastic to see!

On top of all that, the Nativity work has been in full swing, with final rehearsals and performances taking centre stage. The children have been shining stars, and we couldn't be prouder.

Amidst all this excitement, the children have also been completing a few assessments here and there. A huge well done to Year 2 for giving it their all – you've done brilliantly!

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Brown and
Mrs Wulfse**



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



We have been completing assessments this week in maths as well as using addition and subtraction skills to solve word problems.

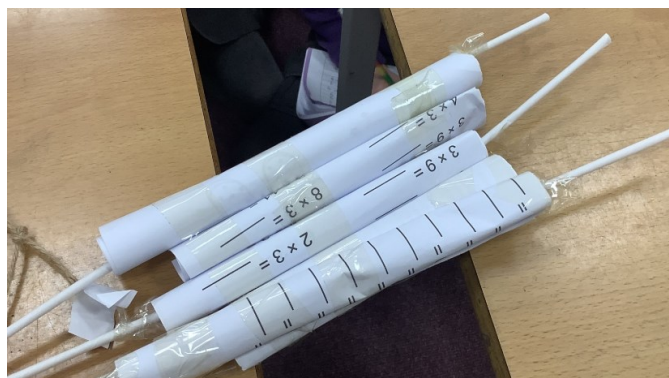
In English, the class finished their letters to Grandad and wrote them up neatly. They then placed them in an envelope and wrote the address. This was a new experience for lots of the children.

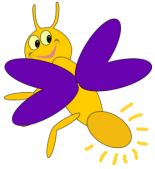
In Science, they finished their bridges and we tested them out. The first check was to see if it crossed the 10 cm gap. Then next test was to see if it could hold a 1kg weight. Finally, we saw if it could take 2kgs. It was a huge success and the vast majority crossed the gap and held 2kgs.

In D.T. the class have finalised their designs and are beginning to use the junk modelling to form a shape.

In R.E, we looked at a moral decision and the children had to think about how a Christian would react in the given situation. They then had to think about how they would act. The results were very interesting.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

We have included some photos of last week's pantomime for you to enjoy. Our willing volunteers handled the spotlight very well!

In computing, we have been looking at creating a set of instructions (algorithms) in the correct order. We used commands to create our initials, which involved us debugging our codes if we found any errors.

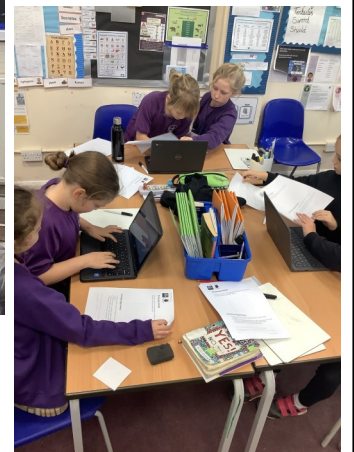
Our exploration of the human digestive system continued in Science. We used a human model to represent the length of our small intestine—approximately 3.5 times a person's height.

In PE, our weekly session with Miss Driscoll, has involved working on our athletic skills. Usually this is indoors, but last week we braved the winter weather outside.

In Maths, we have been working on our 11 and 12 times table multiplication and division facts. As we near the end of our multiplication and division unit, we are looking at multiplying by 1 and 0 and prime numbers.

Our term of learning a tuned musical instrument, 'the toot,' has seen us practising Christmas songs. We hope many of you can join us next week, on Thursday 19th December at 09:30 in St. Mary's Church, to enjoy a rendition of our favourite song.

Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss. Humphreys.



Year 5 Busybees Update



Although we are nearing the end of the Autumn term, we have still been very busy and working hard! In maths, we finished our unit on fractions and in English we have been writing letters to Henry VIII in the character of one of his wives! We have also been busy with our DT project in the afternoons this week. One of the highlights of the week was definitely our trip to the Genome Campus! The children were fantastic; they asked pertinent questions, listened well and joined in enthusiastically with all the activities. We learnt about DNA sequencing, watched Scientists at work and even got to dress up as Scientists ourselves and use some of the equipment. As a cross-curricular activity on Friday, we headed into Saffron Walden to spot Tudor buildings for our current History topic. We combined this trip with identifying human and physical features in our town to consolidate our Geography from the beginning of the year.

Well done team!



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighton



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have had a fun-packed week, filled with hands-on learning and a bit of friendly competition!

In History, we had a special visit from none other than the famous Ancient Greek doctor Hippocrates! The children learned all about his theory of the four humours and how they were believed to affect health. Can your child explain what the humours were and why people thought they could make you sick?

In DT, we began our pop-up book unit. The children learned to create V-folds, sliders, and acute folds, experimenting with how these mechanisms can bring a page to life. It was great how they took these first steps and adapted them to their own designs—I've never had a class be so independently creative!

In Maths, we delved into pie charts, using fractions to calculate the angles needed for each section. The class discovered that by converting fractions to have a denominator of 360, they could accurately divide a circle into degrees. It was a tricky concept at first, but the children persevered and produced some fantastic charts!

This week had a bit of competition; the children felt confident in their spellings - so confident they made a bet with Mr Clarke with how much they could get right. Unfortunately, their confidence was misplaced and they all owed him 5 pushups!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

