

Class Updates - 29.11.2024



Reception Butterflies update



The celebrations continued in Butterfly class this week with the help of Skye's mummy Karla who came in to talk to us about festivals and parties in Mexico. We even got to have a go at hitting the piñata which was stuffed full of toys and educational challenges!

As well as all the fun, the children have been working hard learning new sounds in phonics and using them to spell simple words and looking at how the numbers 4 and 5 are composed in Maths. We got the bikes and trikes out in PE, we have been learning the Christmas story in RE and have been singing nativity songs every day!

We had a special frosty forest school with a fire and roasted cinnamon sugar apples! The children were brilliant, helping build the fire and roasting their own apple pieces in a safe responsible way. As we were round the fire we practised our nativity song, warming our toes - they sang it brilliantly! We had lots of fun building using the wooden blocks and cosying up in the cosy corner with blankets and hot water bottle. We found some beautiful ice and frozen leaves. Thanks for wrapping the children up so well, some had to borrow gloves and hats so remember to pack those in their bag when it is cold.



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

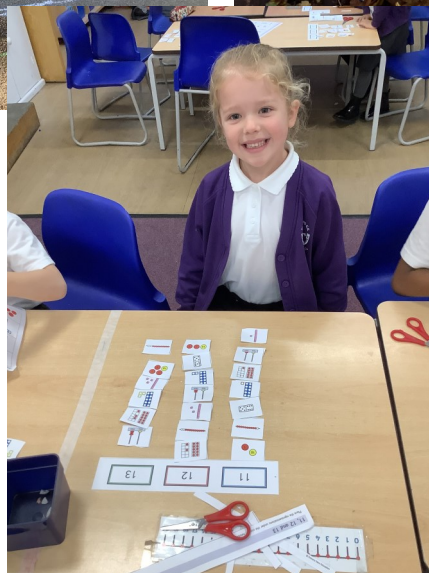
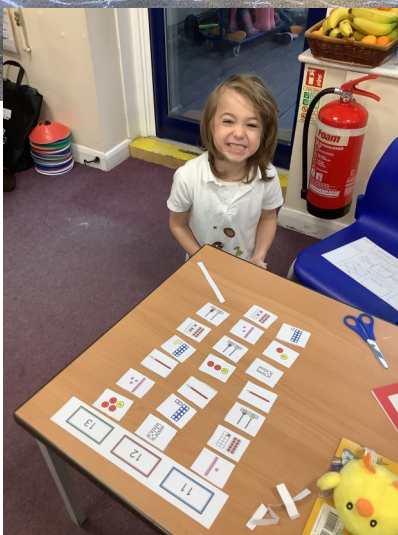


Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a wonderful week in Ladybird class this week. In Geography, we made the most of the sunshine and drew a map of the entire school onto the playground using chalk. We used different symbols to represent different parts of the school. In maths, we have started looking at numbers to 20. We have worked hard on writing these numbers the correct way in numbers and words. In English, we have been writing our diary entry as Meesha. We have used capital letters, full stops and sequenced the story from Meesha's point of view. We have been learning the nativity songs and actions in preparation for the big performance! In Forest school this week, the children cut shapes into apples, explored the ice and kept warm with lots of moving around.



Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We've had an exciting and productive week in Year 2! Here's what we've been learning:

Maths:

The children have been developing their understand of adding and subtracting numbers using the column method. They are becoming more confident in aligning their digits correctly and remembering to check their answer.

English:

This week, we have been learning how to write a non-chronological report. Our focus has been on owls! The children have been fascinated by facts about these creatures and have worked hard to organise their information under subheadings. They've also practiced using adverbs and descriptive language to make their reports engaging and informative.

Music Event:

We had the privilege of attending a fantastic music event at Saffron Hall called *The Robot and the Bluebird*. The children were captivated by the story and the live music, which brought the tale to life. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience the arts in a dynamic and inspiring setting.

E-Safety:

In our computing lessons, we have been focusing on E-Safety, learning about how to stay safe online. The children discussed the importance of not sharing personal information, how to recognise safe and unsafe websites, and what to do if they feel uncomfortable online.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



In Maths, we have been focusing on mental maths to help with the little mistakes when using column method for addition and subtraction (now they have secured the method).

We have looked at different techniques to add and subtract in your head with some speed, including using the inverse.

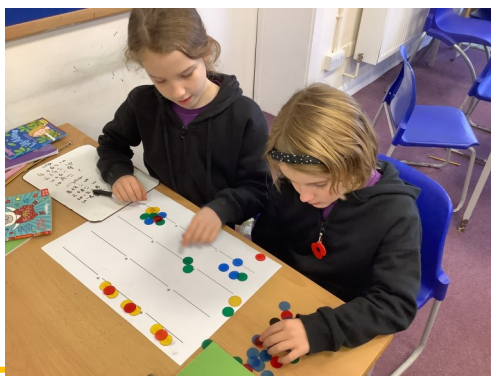
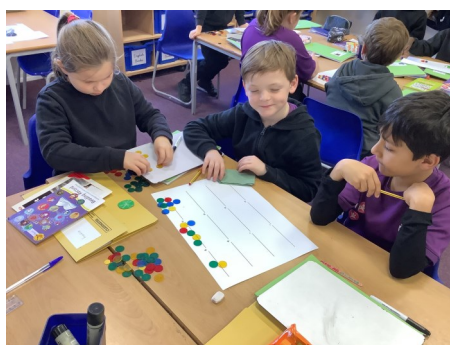
In English, we are coming to the end of our unit based on the book, Seal Surfer. This week, we have written descriptively and are now preparing to do some letter writing.

In Computing, our new unit is based around stop frame animation. Today, we made flip books and looked at how simple animations are made.

In P.E, the class are practising indoor athletics skills which include: standing jump, ball press, kick board relay and javelins.

In D.T, the children are completing surveys around toy vehicles. We are looking at styles, designs, colours, movement and appeal and voting on the favourites. We will then move onto designing and making vehicles over the next few weeks.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

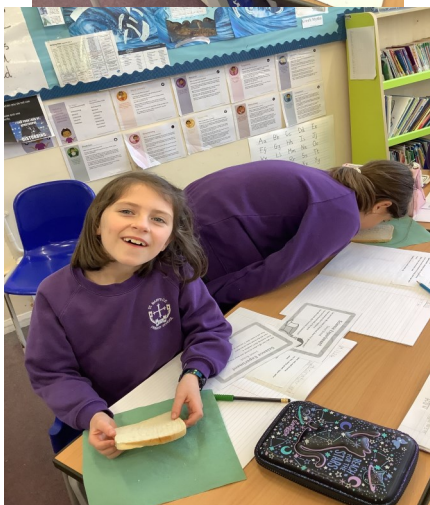
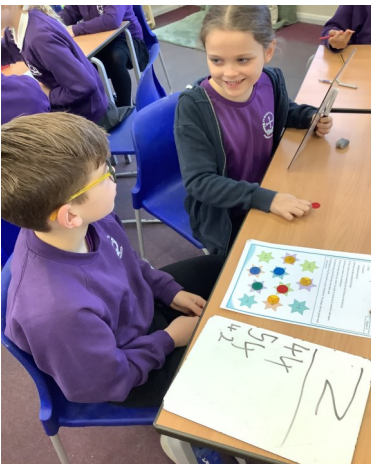
The Fireflies have, this week, started a new Maths module on multiplying and dividing. So far they have used multiplication and division facts involving the 3 and 6 times tables. We also played an opponent at times table dice games.

English saw us creating our own 'monster menu,' which is another step towards writing our own heroic odyssey. The children's descriptions were vivid and at times quite horrifying!

In Science this week, we continued to look at the human digestive process. We did an experiment that noted that digestion started, with our sense of smell, as salivation was activated. Once the bread entered our mouths, our teeth broke down the food which then mixed with our saliva. The amylase in our saliva then broke down the long carbohydrate chains, in the bread, into shorter molecules that resulted in us tasting these sugars as a sweet taste in our mouths. Most of us found chewing bread for 3 minutes a thoroughly disgusting experiment. I wonder if the students will ask you to repeat the experiment at home!

Lastly, Congratulations to our Firefly Archery Team who placed FIRST at an interschool competition. Well done to the rest of the Year 4s who also 'shot' so well.

Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss Humphreys

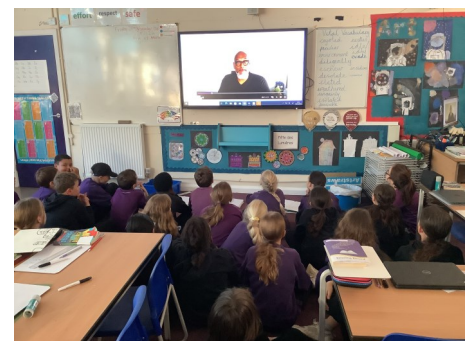


Year 5 Busybees Update



A busy week for the Busy Bees! We are coming to the end of our diary writing unit in English and the children have been producing some excellent written work. We have really enjoyed reading The Matthew Henson story and learning about his life. In maths, we have continued getting to grips with adding and subtracting fractions. The children have been very resilient! Our jazz unit in music has seen us playing a 5 note tune on the glockenspiels—we have some brilliant musicians in the class.

This week, some of the class attended an archery competition at Lord Butler and did a fantastic job at representing the school. The children were also wonderful ambassadors for the school on our library visit this week. Science has been fun, learning about how night and day happens. IN PSICHE we've been learning about the difference between anti-racist and non-racist. The children had some really thoughtful contributions to make. Finally, it has been wonderful to see their swimming coming on this term— especially today to see some of the less experienced swimmers jumping in and swimming in the deep end. Well done!



Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have had another fantastic week!

In English, we finished writing our persuasive letters to reduce the amount of plastic in our oceans; the children used formal and forceful language to make their points clear, and they really pushed themselves by incorporating higher-level punctuation, such as semicolons and brackets. Their arguments were passionate and powerful—it's clear that they care deeply about the environment since we watched *Blue Planet!*

In Computing, we took our website skills to the next level by learning how to link our pages to others on the web using tags. The children were really engaged in this lesson and had fun creating clickable links. Can your child explain what tags are and share some of the ones we've learnt so far?

In Music, we tackled a fun and magical challenge—learning to play *Hedwig's Theme* from the Harry Potter films on the glockenspiels! The children applied their sheet music reading skills and practiced keeping the beat. It was great fun playing such an iconic tune.

In Science, we explored the parts of the lungs and their role in helping the circulatory system move oxygen and carbon dioxide around the body. The children were great at recalling what they had learned about the heart, but they did find it a bit tricky to remember the job of the capillaries. If you could ask them what capillaries do, it would be a great memory boost for them!

We also learnt all about what makes up blood—the children even had a go making their own blood from some different items! It was a bit disgusting but they all did really well and I think the revulsion might have helped them learn the parts even more!

The Dragonflies would also like to say a big thank-you to Mr Brown for helping us organise a trip to the town library; the children had a great time exploring the Dewey Decimal system and finding lots of facts from the books.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll



Tuesday 26th November 2024

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