

Class Updates - 15.11.2024

Reception Butterflies update



Happy Birthday!



This week has been all about birthdays in Butterfly class! We have talked about how we celebrate birthdays, with our friends and families and some children brought in pictures of their own birthday celebrations. We have been busy wrapping presents, writing invitations, making and painting salt dough party food and playing party games.



In Maths we have been looking at shape and focusing on circles and triangles as well as using positional language to describe where things are.

In Phonics the children have been learning digraphs ss, ff, ll and the phoneme j. They will all bring home a sheet with this week's sounds on Friday and everyone has a new reading book to share.



As winter is drawing in the children made some bird feeders in Forest School to take care of the birds through the winter months.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parents' consultations. It was lovely to see you and have the chance to share your child's progress.

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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Firstly, a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to parent consultations; it was lovely meeting you all. This week we have been busy making messy maps in geography, creating amazing pictures using natural resources in forest school and even began looking at a variety of sliders and levers in DT. We have continued using the chrome books to familiarise ourselves with using the mouse pad to draw and began our new science topic, thinking about what we would like to find out about autumn and winter. In English, we have continued looking at our class book– Meesha makes friends and have designed and labelled her a friend, written thought bubbles and sequenced the story. Maths has been challenging this week, finding one and two more and less. We have been using number lines to help us. In PSHCE, we have focused on school rules and why they are important, we incorporated our three core values– effort, safe and respect.



Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 2! Here's an update on what we have been learning and what's coming up:

This week, we have been focusing on learning our 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables. The children have been working hard to improve their multiplication skills through fun activities and games. We encourage practice at home to help build confidence and fluency.

We will also be starting to work on division, linking this with our knowledge of times tables to make connections between multiplication and division facts.

In English, we have been focusing on writing **non-chronological reports**. The children have enjoyed researching the key features of these types of reports. We've also been working on using headings and subheadings, as well as making sure our sentences are detailed and interesting.

Our topic work this week has been on **the Equator and the Continents**. The children have been learning about the different continents of the world and why the Equator is important. We've also explored the climate in different regions and what makes them unique. There have been lots of fun map activities to help the children understand the world's geography and where different countries are located.

In Science, we've been exploring the topic of **Living Things and Their Habitats**. The children are learning to identify and classify things as *alive*, *never alive*, or *dead*. We've been looking at different habitats and how living things are suited to their environments. The children have also been learning about the characteristics of living things, including movement, growth, and reproduction.

Finally, we are excited to begin rehearsals for our **Nativity**! The children are busy learning songs and learning their lines. More details about costumes will be shared soon, so please keep an eye out for information.

Have a great weekend,



Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse

Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



This week in maths, we have continued using the column method to add where carrying/regrouping is required. We also started subtracting using column method where tens need to be exchanged across into the ones column to help solve calculations. This is tricky but the class are beginning to feel more confident.

In English, we have continued looking at Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman. The children have written riddles and a poem with verbs as their focus. I have been so impressed this week with the improvement in creativity and sentence forming.

In Science, we used different materials to see if they would block the magnetic pull from a magnet on a paper clip. The class made predictions, recorded their results and wrote a conclusion showing their findings. We also discussed how to make it a fair test.

In R.E, we looked at philosophy and the difference between knowledge and wisdom. This was a tricky concept but the class worked hard to find examples of where we have knowledge of something and use our wisdom to learn from it or keep ourselves safe (as an example).

Last Friday, we had our Remembrance Day church service at St Mary's where the children shared the poppies they had made. We also held a minutes silence on Monday Remembrance Day).

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

Well done Fireflies, for all your incredibly hard and thoughtful work this week!

Last Friday, we went to church for a Remembrance Service. The lanterns, we created, were a thoughtful reminder of all those who have sacrificed their lives for us.

In PSHCE, we are looking at Friendship. Last week, we considered what makes a good friend and as this is Anti-Bullying week we considered how respect is an essential value against bullying.

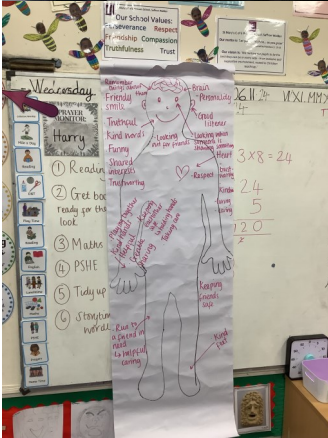
This week, we challenged ourselves to identify the correct type of enquiry to answer scientific questions. This will be useful in setting up experiments, over the next few weeks, in our 'Animal including Humans' module.

We will be studying 'The Trinity' in RE. This week we thought about different properties, including the power, of water. This is symbolic for Christians in Baptisms.

French bingo, 'maison!' helped us practise our numbers from 0-30.

Our new English module will build towards the children writing their own odyssey narrative. We used the Cyclops's cave in 'Odysseus's Voyage' to inspire descriptive sentences.

Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss Humphreys



Year 5 Busybees Update



Another very busy week for the Busybees! In English, we have been reading our book 'Race to the Frozen North' about the explorer Matthew Henson. The children have been engaging really nicely with this book and have produced some lovely work related to it.

In Maths, we have been working with fractions and improper fractions, this is a big topic for our Year 5 mathematicians, and the children have been working hard and rising to the challenge! We're also continuing to revise our times tables.

In History, our topic this half term is The Tudors. This week, we've been entertained by some clips from the BBC series 'Horrible Histories' and we've been thinking about how important it is to consider a range of historical sources if we want to be able to draw unbiased, well balanced conclusions.

In French we're building our food-related vocabulary.

It was great to be able to meet so many of you at parents/carers evenings and at book looks recently.



Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a great time in Year 6 this second week of our half term; from music to evil spirits and body parts too!

In History, we explored prehistoric medicine and the ancient practice of trepanning. The children were intrigued to learn about how it was used and why prehistoric people believed it helped. To bring history to life, we even 'performed' some trepanning on a member of our Dragonflies tribe—Jefferey!

Science had us investigating the heart and its vital role in pumping blood around the body. The highlight of the lesson was getting the opportunity to see the different parts of a heart up close and in action! The children were amazed at how intricate and powerful this organ is, and it was wonderful to see their curiosity and amazement when they got given the choice to handle one.

In Maths, we've been looking at shape, from exploring the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes to finding the areas of rectangles and triangles. The class worked hard to master the formulae for area, and they're becoming pros at applying them to different shapes—even compound ones! Can your child remember the formula for the area of a triangle? (Hint: it involves a little division!)

English this week focused on persuasive writing. The children explored how to use formal language, modal verbs, and powerful vocabulary to craft compelling arguments. They've been practicing how to be forceful and convincing with their writing and word choices. We even had some mini debates to practise being for or against a motion!

Finally, in Music, we took on the challenge of reading sheet music. The children learned about the stave, the treble clef, and how to identify notes. We worked out some codewords with the notes and had a go at writing a few of our own too!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

