

Class Updates - 25.10.2024

Reception Butterflies update



We are in the final week of the first half term in Reception and we couldn't be prouder of what the children have achieved this term! They have all settled into school life well, have learned all the routines and are becoming more confident and independent every day.

In Maths this week, we have been looking at the idea of one more and one less. Singing lots of rhymes and telling number stories. We particularly enjoyed reenacting the five speckled frogs song and making playdough frogs. We took our learning outside to look at how to make the number three, throwing bean bags into hoops.



We have been reviewing all the sounds that we have learned this term in Phonics. Please take time to look at the pack of sounds we sent home last week, they are also on tapestry.

We have finished our Marvellous Me topic, focusing on the body and created some Funnybones skeletons in Art.



We took advantage of the sunshine to get outside in PE this week and use the bikes, trikes and scooters. It was also an opportunity to practice sharing and turn taking!

We hope you all have a well deserved restful, peaceful and safe half term break! We are so excited to see what the next half term brings!



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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a fantastic final week of this half term, keeping ourselves busy before the break. Today we celebrated light day, and learnt about the Chinese lantern festival. We had a go at making our own lanterns. We also learnt a dance in celebration of Diwali. In music this week, we practiced different body percussions, then made our own rhythms in small groups. We performed them to the rest of the class with confidence. In PE this week we worked on our aiming skills. We used the netballs and basketballs to practice chest passing and throwing the ball into a target. In Forest school we used palm drills to make holes in conkers and thread them on to necklaces. We also made noughts and crosses on the conkers to play a game. Some people made caterpillars and created conker runs! We also had fun planting daffodil bulbs ready for the spring.

Have a restful, fun half term break!!

Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade.





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We've had an exciting week in Year 2, filled with activities across our subjects!

This week, we focused on ordering numbers. The students practiced arranging numbers in order, using both manipulatives and number lines. They worked in pairs to create their own number sequences, which helped reinforce their understanding.

In English, we explored the story of Lubna and the Pebble. The children wrote their own diary entries, reflecting Lubna's feelings and experiences. It was lovely to see their creativity shine as they expressed how Lubna might have felt in different situations.

We celebrated Light Day, discussing the significance of light in our lives and various cultures. The children participated in activities that helped them understand the importance of light in celebrations and everyday life. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the Diwali workshop and using their creativity through dance.

In Science, our focus was on researching inventors and innovators who created useful materials. The children learned about different materials and their uses, and they each chose a person to research. They presented their findings to the class, which sparked great discussions about how these inventions impact our lives today.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break.

Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



What a busy half term we have had! I cannot believe we are already half way through Autumn Term. I have seen the children grow so much this term and we are getting into a routine.

This week in Music, Mrs Smith has been teaching the class recorders. They have been learning note B and a 4-beat rhythm. The children are really enthusiastic about learning an instrument. In PSHCE, we created 'safety circles' where the children had to think about who makes them feel safe or keeps them safe.

On Thursday afternoon, we had our first inter-house sports event run by Miss Driscoll. Year 3 and 4 spent the afternoon playing tag rugby. Their aim was to collect a ball (egg) from the central nest and return it to their own nest without getting tagged. It was lovely to see the enjoyment and skills being shown.

There will be no spellings for half term. Please try and keep up the reading (this can be anything at home they enjoy!)

I hope you all have a lovely, restful half term and will see you all in a week.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

Phew, that was an action packed half-term, full of learning and fun!

Here are some photos from the multi-skills tournament we attended at St. Thomas Moore School. Mrs. Dell was very proud of your behavior and willingness to have a go. You represented St. Mary's very well to the other schools and the wider community.

Well done to all you Fireflies that have embraced the challenge of the Grow 10. It is lovely to see you so enthusiastic and artistic. The advertising posters I have seen, so far, are works of art in themselves!

Enjoy your break Fireflies, you have earned a good rest.

Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss Humphreys.



Year 5 Busybees Update

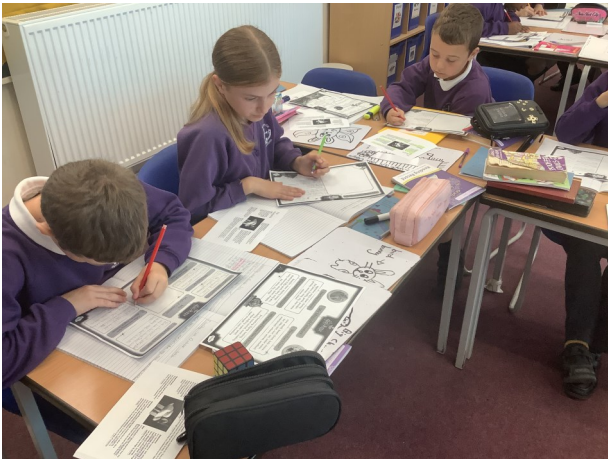


We have made it to half term! We have had such a fantastic start to the year—the children have done some brilliant work and are doing incredibly well. This week we have been looking at square and cube numbers as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We spent an afternoon learning about Katherine Johnson—a NASA mathematician as well as authors as part of Black History Month.

On Thursday, some of the children presented their final project work on The Alps to the class. The presentations included beautiful landscapes, lots of geographical information... and an unexpected song too! The children also completed their entries for the Harry Potter Mythical Creature Competition!

On Friday we celebrated Light Day with fun clothes and artistic activities all about the Fête des Lumières in Lyon, as well as a dance workshop.

We'd like to thank you all for your creative and exciting fundraising efforts—Well done year 5 ...and your families!



Enjoy a well deserved half term !

Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Mrs Brighten

We hope to see you on 7th November, before or after school for our 'Book Look'.



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have had an energetic week this week—with three PE sessions (which Ms Driscoll was very pleased about!).

The class took part in a dodgeball tournament with the local schools, where the children put all the skills we've been practising into action. There were some fantastic performances on display, and Ms Driscoll has said how proud she was of how well the teams performed. A special congratulation to the red team for finishing third in their group—what an achievement!

In our final Computing lesson of this half term, the children took on the role of mentors by creating help sheets for the younger students on how to use Google Slides. They learned how to take screenshots and add helpful annotations to pictures, making sure their guides were clear and easy to follow.

In Art, we put the final touches on our Lowry-style paintings. After weeks of careful planning and sketching, the children finally added the finishing colours to their work. The children created lovely representations of Saffron Walden's landscapes while adding their own 'artistic licence'. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts.

Have a great weekend and a wonderful half term's break—you've earned it!

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

