

Class Updates - 11.10.2024

Reception Butterflies update



Another week has raced by in Butterflies class! The children are really settled into school routines and becoming part of the wider school.

We joined everybody in the church on Monday to celebrate Harvest Festival. They all sat very quietly and respectfully with their buddies and proudly showed their Harvest Art from Forest School.



In class we have been working hard in Phonics, learning the sounds ck, e, u and r. We have begun handwriting sessions working on our letter formation.



In Maths, we have been looking at patterns in nature and making repeating patterns with natural resources and shapes and playdough.



We have been creating Magical Me mirrors in art using a variety of resources to make our own unique mirror to reflect how special all our differences are.



In RE we talked about why Jesus is a special role model to Christians and read some bible stories which show these qualities.

All children are bringing home their first reading book this week! Please enjoy sharing it with them and remember to bring it into school every day! Thank you!

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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We had a fantastic time at the Benedetti music workshop last Friday and showed off our body percussion skills. In RE this week, we have practiced learning the lyrics and actions to a song to help us remember the creation story. In science, we investigated magnetic materials. We went on a hunt around the classroom to see which objects our magnets attracted and which objects they repelled. In maths, we have started our addition and subtraction topic. This week we looked closely at part whole models, using those to create fact families and addition number sentences.

Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade



Year 2 Caterpillars Update



Caterpillars,

Well done on another busy week!

This week, we focused on place value, helping the children understand the significance of digits in two-digit and three-digit numbers. We explored how to compare and order numbers based on their size. The children did a fantastic job when they had to use their mathematical vocabulary- well done Year 2!

In our English lessons, we enjoyed the story *Lubna and the Pebble*, which inspired rich discussions about friendship and the importance of imagination. The children engaged in various activities, including sequencing the story and writing their own predictions and thoughts on the character's feelings.

In Science, we created an experiment using everyday materials. The children made boats out of a variety of different materials and tested them in water. They learned to observe and record their findings, using their scientific inquiry skills. Please encourage your child to look around the house and think about the materials used in common objects.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



This week in Maths, we launched into our addition unit, where the children practiced adding and subtracting single digits and tens using an empty number-line.

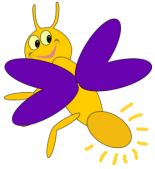
In English, we continued our creative writing focus, encouraging the students to craft sentences inspired by the theme of 'I'll Take You to Mrs Cole'. We also started writing similes to add further interest to their writing.

In Science, the class conducted an experiment to see whether a larger magnet attracted the paper clip from further away than a smaller magnet. We then discussed how we could have made the test fairer where some groups' results differed.

In Music, we enjoyed an organ recital at St Mary's Church that showcased the beautiful sounds of the 3 different organs. It was lovely to see the children engaged and playing along with their imaginary organs. On Monday, we started the week by preparing for the upcoming Harvest Festival with another visit to the church. The children shared their autumnal art and sang songs. It's been another busy week full of creativity and learning!

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

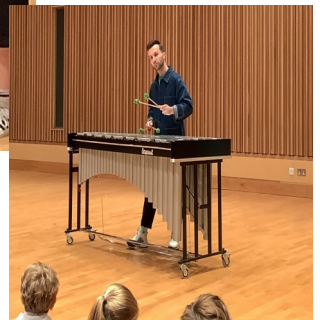
Fireflies have had another extremely busy week.

Last Friday, we visited Saffron Hall where we took part in a Benedetti interactive music workshop. We covered the fundamentals of making music, covering the basics of pulse, rhythm, pitch and harmony. We got to listen to the sounds a vibraphone and joined in with the rhythm game, 'Don't Clap This One Back!' All of us agreed that making music using body percussion was especially fun!

In Maths, we are coming to the end of our place value unit. We really enjoyed learning Roman numerals and using 'matchsticks' to solve Roman numeral maths problems. We enjoyed writing the date in Roman numerals and will now continue doing so each maths lesson. Whilst practising all times tables on TTRS, next week, we will together focus on the 3X table so do spend 5 minutes a day practising! You might want to continue using the creative ways found in class to practise, such as snap or dominoes!

Our bountiful harvest of fruit, vegetables and flower art, that decorated the pew ends, in our Harvest Festival church service were much admired and we were so proud of our class members that sung in the choir and of our Worship Council members who spoke at the front of the church.

Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss Humphreys.



Year 5 Busybees Update



A creative week in Year 5 this week! Apologies for all the paint and chalk mess on uniforms—we really don't know how some children get it everywhere! We have nearly finished our space-inspired pictures and look forward to sharing these with you soon. In English, we have been learning about the different aspects of descriptive writing—ask your children if they can remember the four aspects of figurative language! In maths we have been solving multi step problems related to addition and subtraction and in RE we learnt about the meaning of Psalms. The children all took part in Harvest festival on Monday.

In Science we're celebrating World Space Week with an online lesson from the BBC with Professor Brian Cox—it fits in really well with our topic for this term! In Geography, the children have started to make their own presentations all about The Alps which they will share with the class before half term. Some of the children are doing a TV travel show, some are doing posters & brochures, so a real range of ideas. In PSHCE we are talking about how to cope in new situations and what strategies we can use to keep calm if we're worried - we are thinking ahead to the residential and any concerns that the children might have. Each Friday 4 or 5 children at a time are invited to stay in for a quiet lunchtime with chess and Top Trumps—it's a popular activity—everyone who would like to will get a turn!



Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson,
Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten**





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have had a productive and exciting week! In English, we've been focusing on controlling our sentence length and learning how to extend sentences to add more detail. The class has shown fantastic improvement, and it's wonderful to see their writing becoming more expressive and complex!

In Maths, we've been learning how to safely find our own revision materials online. The children were very engaged as we explored different websites and resources together. They now know how to find worksheets so they revise their learning whenever they want—an essential skill that will give them a head-start at secondary school.

Our Art lesson took us on a mini-adventure this week as we went to the town and the Common. The children had the opportunity to observe life in the town and sketch their surroundings, just like Lowry. They enjoyed experimenting with different techniques to capture the essence of the busy streets and historic buildings, and it was great to see them getting hands-on with their learning.

We also managed to grab the last bit of sunshine for the year by taking our reading outside. It was a lovely experience to sit in nature, surrounded by fresh air and autumn leaves, while enjoying our books. The children loved the change of setting, and it was a nice way to make the most of the weather before it turns colder.

In History, we learned about the different jobs that Victorian children did, from chimney sweeping to factory work. The class was both shocked and grateful as we discussed how lucky we are to have the opportunity to go to school and learn new things every day. It sparked a lot of thoughtful conversations about the differences between past and present and how sometimes we forget to be thankful for the opportunities we now have!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

