

Class Updates - 28.03.2025

Reception Butterflies update



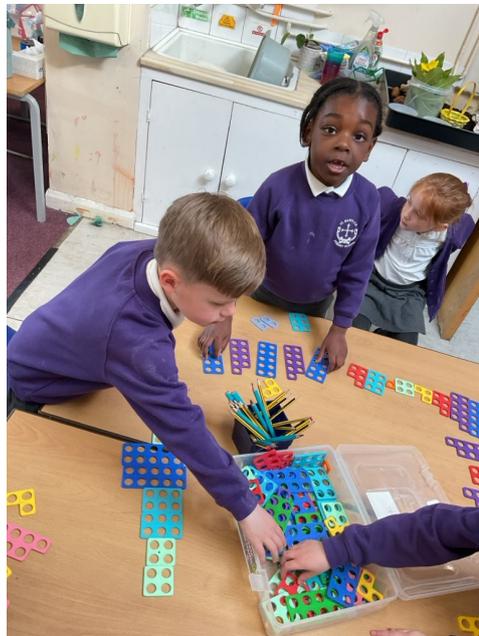
Another busy week in Butterflies class. This week we have been enjoying the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been retelling it in different ways and writing about what we imagine Jack could see from the top of the beanstalk. We have planted our own beans and made the Giant's castle for the top of the beanstalk. We will be sending these home for the end of term for you to watch them grow at home.

In Maths we have been looking closely at repeating patterns, making our own and learning to recognize them in the environment around us.

As we approach the Easter holidays, we have been learning about why Easter is an important celebration to Christians. We have been learning the Easter story and acting out the events of Holy week. We have made our own decorated crosses to put in our Easter garden.

Best wishes,

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





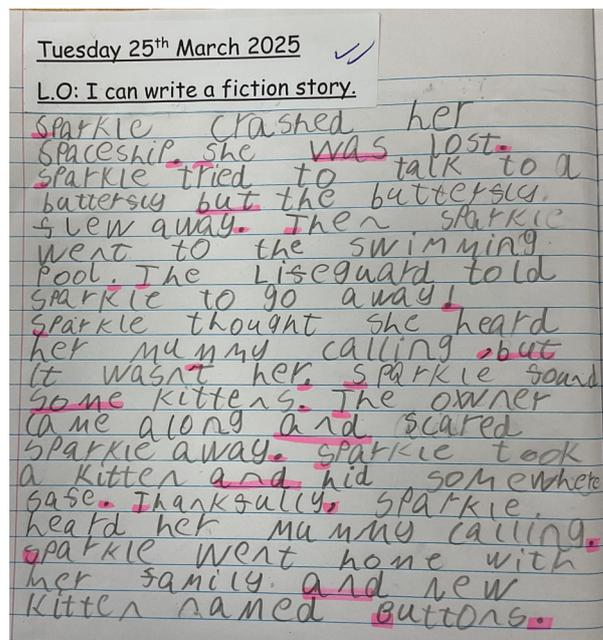
Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Thank you to all the parent helpers in Forest school recently – this meant we could light fires, climb trees safely and use the garden tools correctly.

In English this week, we have been writing our own fiction story based on the Beegu story. We have changed the characters, the settings and use a variety of punctuation. In geography this week we recapped the 4 countries of the UK, 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world and used a map to identify the 4 capital cities of the UK. We love looking at maps and atlases in class and often choose to look at these over story books! Recently, we have been showing huge progression in French and can confidently name the colours and some greetings– wow! We of course enjoyed our dance show on Friday– we will share further photos and videos of this in next weeks class update.

Best wishes,

Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 2! The children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects.

In **Maths**, we have been learning the names of different shapes. The children have shown great enthusiasm in identifying and describing them—well done!

In **English**, we have been focusing on improving our sentences by expanding them with more detail. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident in their writing.

In **Science**, we explored the **life cycle of a frog**. The children worked collaboratively to create their own amazing life cycles out of clay, carefully showing each stage. They were so proud of their work and rightly so!

In **PSHE**, we discussed the importance of **water safety**. We looked at different scenarios and thought about what is safe and what is not. The children had thoughtful discussions and showed great awareness of how to stay safe around water.

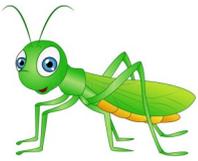
Well done, Year 2! Keep up the fantastic work!

Best wishes,

Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



This week, we have completed our assessments and in English the children completed a free write to showcase what they have learnt so far.

In Geography, we looked at maps of Saffron Walden and identified key places, for example, our school, St Mary's Church, the fire station, Bridge End Gardens and The Common. We focused on using/or creating a key to help identify these places.

In French, the class have been finishing off their creatures and labelling them using French vocabulary to identify colours and parts of the body.

Mostly, this week, we have been practising our Class Presentation, ready for Thursday 3rd April at 9am.

Best wishes,

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

In our class, children began to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues, and learnt about the importance of reducing plastic waste. They were introduced to key concepts around sustainability, recycling, and the impact of plastic waste on the planet. The children explored ways to reduce plastic use in their school and had the exciting opportunity to brainstorm and try to implement practical strategies that can make a real difference in their daily lives.

In Maths, children continue to explore the concept of decimals in their math lessons, building on their understanding of whole numbers and fractions. They learnt that decimals are a way to represent parts of a whole, and this knowledge becomes essential as they see how decimals are used in various real-life situations.

In English, we continue our adventure through the tragic and dramatic end of Pompeii, using our pre-learnt vocabulary to write our historical narrative and recall events that happened during Roman times.

Thank you for returning the children's homework. Everything looks great, and I can really see how much effort the children have put into their work. I appreciate all their hard work!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys





Year 5 Busybees Update

This week we have continued looking at angles—drawing and measuring angles as well as working out the value of missing angles. In English, we have been looking at a short story and analysing the different writing techniques used. We have also got creative with our ideas and written some poems. In Music, we have been improvising with glockenspiels and find the pulse with drums. In Computing, we have been learning to filter graphs to find out information and in History we have continued our topic on the Atlantic slave trade.

Best wishes,

Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten



