

Class Updates - 07.03.2025

Reception Butterflies update



“Run, run as fast as you can! You can’t catch me I’m the Gingerbread Man!”

This week our topic focus has been the fairy tale the Gingerbread Man. We shared the story and retold it putting it into the correct sequence. We have been writing lists of who chased after the Gingerbread man, using the sounds we know.



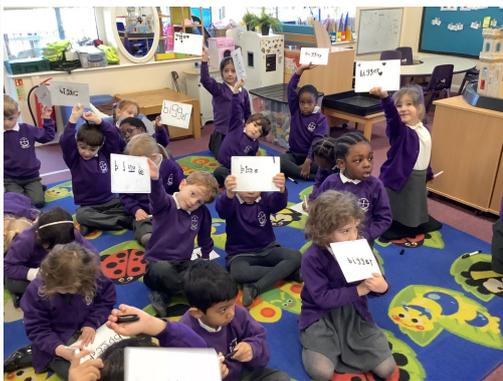
We cut out and baked Gingerbread men and decorated them but overnight they tried to escape! Luckily they were captured on the security camera and we managed to find them hiding in the playhouse!



We were very lucky to have a special visitor who taught us a dance to the story of the Gingerbread Man. Have a look on tapestry to see a video of the dance.

In Maths this week we have been looking at how to make numbers using two parts, playing games and building numbers using different equipment in the classroom.

Of course, Thursday was World Book Day. We all got into the spirit of the day, dressing up as our favourite characters and taking part in lots of activities to celebrate reading.



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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Another busy week in Year 1 this week! On Wednesday we enjoyed dancing to the Gingerbread Man. It was lots of fun and got us in the mood for World Book Day. On Thursday, we enjoyed showing you our books and



showed off all the incredible work we have been doing. We enjoyed dressing up as a book character for World Book Day. We created bookmarks, showed off our costumes and wrote about them. We listened to an unknown story without seeing the front cover, then designed what we thought the front cover should look like. This was lots of fun and created lots of excitement in class. We spent the afternoon with Mrs McInnes, looking at 'The Stick Man' and made our own version. **Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg**





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Year 2 Class Update – Another Busy Week!

What a productive week we've had in Year 2! The children have been working incredibly hard across all subjects, showing great enthusiasm and determination in their learning. In **Maths**, we have been exploring fractions, focusing on finding $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of different shapes. The children have been making sure their fractions are fair by checking that each part is equal – great work, everyone!

In **English**, we have started writing our own adventure stories. The children have been using the characters they created in previous lessons and are now bringing them to life through their exciting storytelling. I can't wait to see how their stories unfold!

In **RE**, we have been learning about the Easter story and discussing the important messages behind it. The children have shared some thoughtful reflections and ideas during our discussions.

In **Science**, we've been investigating heart rate and how exercise affects it. The children carried out a fantastic experiment, measuring their heart rate before and after exercise and recording their results in their books. It's been great to see their curiosity and scientific thinking in action!

Finally, I was **so impressed** with the class during our **World Book Day workshop**. Everyone got involved, stepped out of their comfort zones, and had a brilliant time celebrating books and stories. Well done, Year 2!

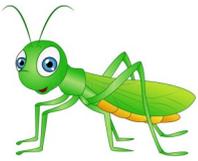
Keep up the amazing work – I'm already looking forward to another great week ahead!

Best wishes,

Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



This week in maths we have been learning about equivalent fractions. It started as a bit of a challenge for the children but using the diagrams really helped the class see where they are the same. Next, we are going to be comparing and ordering, and then adding and subtracting fractions.

In English, we have been practising writing appearance paragraphs for non-chronological reports to build confidence. They have also been learning about pronouns and have designed their own creature. Next week, we will begin thinking about the creature's appearance, habitat and diet.

In Geography, we looked at modes of transports and the children created a tally of who had been on which mode of transport. We discovered that a few children had even been on a helicopter and tractor.

On Wednesday, we had a visitor come in to teach the class a World Book Day inspired dance workshop. Our class's book focus was Kensuke's Kingdom and the children used their bodies to tell the story to music. I loved seeing all the WBD costumes on Thursday!

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

In French, we have been working on art, based on the artist **Hé** nri Matisse. He was known for his use of colour and after losing his ability to paint—later in life—Matisse explored the art of paper cut outs. We used this collage technique to create our own works of art which we then labelled, in French, using our knowledge of shape, colour and number.

Another St Mary's sports team returned triumphant! This time it was the turn of our Girl's Football Team, who returned from a tournament at JFAN wearing gold medals. Many thanks to Miss Driscoll for facilitating this wonderful experience for them.

In English, we continue our journey in the world of Pompeii. I am extremely impressed with all the knowledge we encountered in this unit and how every step of the progress makes the children proud. In Maths, we have been working on adding and subtracting fractions with different denominator.

For World Book Day was so great to see the children excited not only about their costumes, but also about their favourite book and character. We spent the afternoon outside, reading to our friends, completing book reviews and different story telling activities. The children have also enjoyed our book workshop where they learnt a new dance based **on a story by Michael Morpurgo. What a great, sunny day for a celebration!**



Have a great sunny weekend!

Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys

Year 5 Busybees Update



Another active week in Year 5! The children really enjoyed our first basketball lesson this week—it was wonderful to get outside and burn off some energy too. We also had another lesson practising our dance—we can't wait to perform it to you all at the show on the 19th! In maths, we have continued to look at area and perimeter but have also moved on to statistics where we have been reading and interpreting different graphs and tables. In English, we got into role as Malala and played a game called 'conscience alley' where we had to whisper advice to Malala as to what we thought she should do next. The children have also been writing diary entries, blogs and letters—fantastic work! We really enjoyed our world book day workshop where we learnt the story of *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo and then created a dance to it. World Book Day has been further celebrated in Yr 5 with some wonderful costumes and a story time session reading 'The Boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' by Charlie Mackesy.



Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighton



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have had a fantastic and creative week, packed with storytelling, problem-solving, and some impressive dance moves!

In English, we brought the seasons to life by writing conversations between the personified characters of Summer, Spring, and their weather companions. The children had a lot of fun exploring how different seasons might interact, using dialogue to reflect their personalities and relationships. There were some wonderfully imaginative exchanges—ask your child how they made their season speak!

Maths saw us tackling our very first lesson on algebra, solving to find unknowns. The class approached it with great determination, working systematically to group and solve some very tricky equations.

For World Book Day, the children put their graphic design skills to the test, creating their own front covers and blurbs for their chosen books. Using both digital software and traditional drawing techniques, they designed eye-catching and enticing covers. It was brilliant to see such a range of creativity, with some children even reimagining well-known books with a fresh new look!

One of the highlights of the week was our Dance Workshop, which brought storytelling to life through movement. Inspired by *Kensuke's Kingdom*, the children explored imaginative storytelling through dance. It was wonderful to see so many of them throw themselves into the performance, using movement to express the emotions and adventures of the story.

We also put our fitness to the test with a HIIT (High-Intensity Interval Training) session! The children began by taking a baseline of their fitness in different exercises before diving into a series of one-minute, all-out efforts, followed by one-minute breaks. The energy was incredible, and we were amazed to see that the class's fitness levels were some of the highest we've ever had in Year 6!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

