

# Class Updates - 28.02.2025

## Reception Butterflies update



Welcome back from the half term break Butterflies! The children have all come back rested and ready to go.

This half term our topic is 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be looking at a variety of fairy tales and using them to guide our learning across the term. This week we have talked about our favourite fairy tales and looked at the book 'Whose House' by Colin and Jacqui Hawkins and writing about what we can see inside the three little pigs' house. In Phonics we are now reviewing all the Phase 3 sounds we have learned so far and revisiting tricky words in our reading and spelling.

In Maths we have been looking closely at the numbers 9 and 10, finding, representing, comparing and subitizing them.

Our PE focus this half term is gymnastics and we will be using our bodies to move high, low, under and over and creating shapes. In PSED this term we will be talking about 'Keeping Safe' and we began the term discussing how to decide what is safe to put on our bodies in our daily routine.



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



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

There has been a large buzz in Ladybird class this week as we discovered a spaceship had visited the school over half term. We later found footprints in our class and some CCTV pictures of an unknown alien. We have used our English lessons to ask questions and decode messages. In maths, we have been comparing length and height and using non-standard units (objects) to measure. During geography, we identified the 4 countries of the UK, using atlases to support our map work. In PE, we continued learning our dance for the dance workshop. We started learning some songs this week in French, focusing on colours.

**Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg**





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a fantastic week of learning we've had in Year 2!

In Maths, we have been exploring fractions, focusing on finding half of different shapes and amounts. The children have enjoyed using practical resources to deepen their understanding.

In English, we have been diving into adventure stories, identifying their key features and discussing what makes them exciting to read. The class has come up with some fantastic ideas for their own adventure tales!

In Science, we have been learning about healthy diets and what our bodies need to stay strong and healthy. The children have been great at recognising the importance of a balanced diet.

Finally, in PSHE, we have been developing our understanding of mental health and discussing ways to support our own well-being through mindfulness activities. The children have shared some brilliant ideas about how to stay calm and positive.

Well done, Year 2 – keep up the great work!

**Best wishes,**

**Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes**



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



Welcome back after half term! I hope you all had an enjoyable one. It was great hearing about all the different things the children got up to. As well as doing a recount of the half term we have also started our next writing unit—non-chronological reports. So far, we have explored the different features of a report, investigated pronouns and described a mythical creature.

In Maths, we have continued our Fractions unit. The class have identified fractions of amounts and shapes and started to secure their understanding of numerators and denominators. Next, we are going to revisit counting in tenths and then adding and subtracting fractions.

In PSHCE, the children had to identify the skills of others in the class by asking if they were good at .... Or considered themselves kind, helpful etc... It was interesting to hear what skills the class have.

In P.E, we completed our first fitness circuit exploring the importance of an active lifestyle by bouncing balls, hurdles, steppers, beanbag run, running... There were lots of tired children with red faces by the end of the session!

### Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





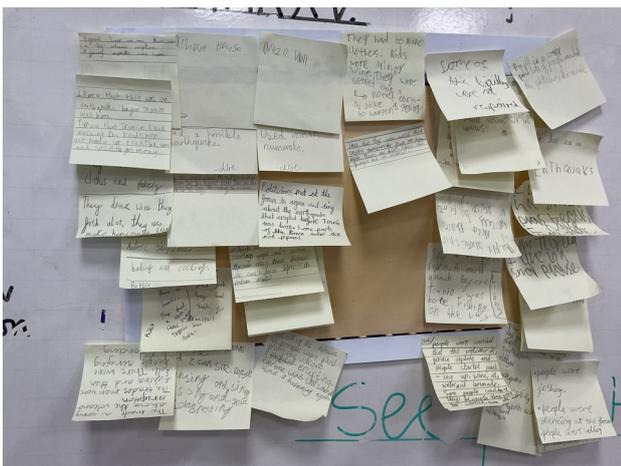
## Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week in English we have started a new unit where the children are learning about Pompeii and how people lived during Roman times. I am so impressed to see that everyone seems really excited to share facts they already know and historical events with their peers. They also make me really proud of how they are using their imagination and grammar skills. Our main focus was on opening paragraphs using fronted adverbials and inferring information from implied details.

In Maths we continue with fractions and are moving onto finding the common denominator. The children have been practising lots of timetables and problems skills.

In RE we started a new unit focused on Easter and the meaning of Good Friday. The children have learnt about the Easter story, with the main focus on the Holy Week and key vocabulary such as commandment, resurrection and crucifixion.

In Geography, we are progressing with our river knowledge and continue our research on UK rivers. We are extremely focused on our key vocabulary such as erosion, waterfall floodplain or oxbow lake. Next week we will continue with our river projects and will label the features of rivers.



Have a great sunny weekend! :)

Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys

## Year 5 Busybees Update



*A jam-packed first week back! Well done everyone :) In maths, we have started looking at perimeter and area. In English, we have started a new unit on autobiographical writing with Malala Yousafzai as our focus text. We have started this unit by looking at children's rights across the world. This week, we also went to Saffron Hall to take part in a musical sharing event with other local schools. We sang the verses from the songs that we had created in previous workshops. The children were fantastic and very brave when it came to singing in front of the other schools—well done team! In RE, we have started a philosophical unit and studied some of the teachings of Socrates and Plato. We are exploring the questions: Why should we be good? What do the great philosophers teach about the meaning of life? The children enjoyed this first dip into philosophy! In Computing, we have started looking at databases. We looked at what data is and how information is recorded.*

*Enjoy a relaxing weekend and see you on Monday.*

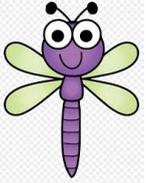
*Future diary dates:*

*Friday 14th March trip to Saffron Hall (during school hours, packed lunch needed).*

*Wednesday 19th March dance show at Saffron Hall (4.00pm start).*



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



## Y6 Dragonflies Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Year 6 had a great first-week back, with some deep thinking, creativity, and hands-on learning!

In English, we began our new unit on Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant*. The children explored the mindset of different characters, thinking about how and why they behaved the way they did. We also revisited personification and looked at how it can be used to create atmosphere in writing.

In RE, we explored some of the words attributed to Jesus and considered how his teachings can still apply to real-world situations today. The children had thoughtful discussions about kindness, forgiveness, and helping others. Can your child recall any of Jesus's specific teachings and how they might use them in their own lives?

Maths this week has been all about fractions! We started by building a fraction wall to help us visualize the relationships between different fractions, before moving on to converting them into decimals and percentages. The class worked hard to master these tricky conversions, and it's amazing how they really understand these concepts and can answer some tricky problems now!

In Science, we delved into the mysteries of electricity. The children explored the structure of an atom, acted out being electrons moving through a circuit, and discovered how positive and negative charges create a current. It was great to see their curiosity...spark...as they started to unravel the science behind something we use every day.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll**

