

# Class Updates - 24.01.2025

## Reception Butterflies update



It has been non-stop in Butterflies class this week! Our focus has been learning about the moon; we have read lots of stories and information books to find out what it would be like to visit the moon and got very messy making puffy paint moons.

Maths has been focused on finding the mass and capacity of different objects. We have been doing lots of investigating and measuring. In Phonics we have been learning the sounds ur, or, ear and oi and using them in our spelling practice.

In RE we have started to learn about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and the story behind it.

We have also kept very active, with a moon based yoga session and practicing ball skills on the playground.



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



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

In forest school this week we enjoyed lots of digging, swinging and learning a new game - drummer's footsteps! Lots of children put in a huge amount of effort playing Nature Bingo. We fed the birds and made a skipping rope from vines. Maths has been tricky this week, using our number bonds to add and subtract. In English we have started planning our non-chronological reports about London. We have included lots of facts about the famous landmarks we have learnt about over the past two weeks. In computing this week, we investigated sequencing our Beebot without having to pause between directions. In RE, we looked at churches during Easter time and thought about questions we may ask Reverend Jeremy. We have seen huge improvements in the morning, with lots more happy faces, thank you so much for supporting your children by dropping them off at the top of the stairs. Can we remind parents to please return spare uniform/underwear? Thanks



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





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week has been filled with exciting learning adventures! Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to:

### **Library Visit:**

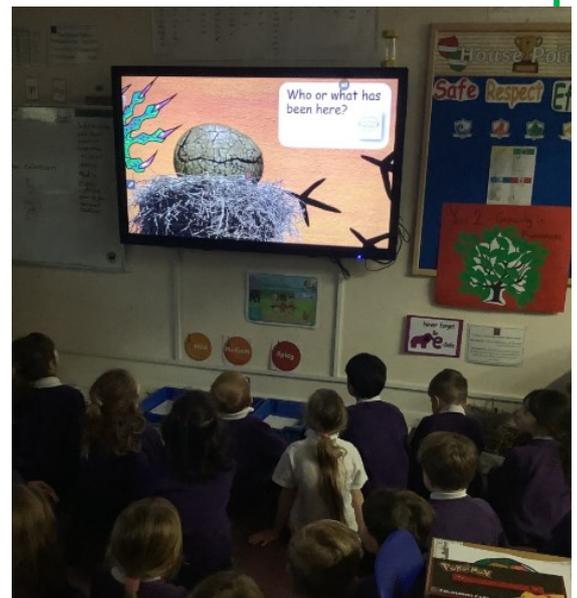
We took a trip to our local library, where the children had the chance to explore a variety of books. They were especially excited to find new stories and learn about the different genres available. It was a great opportunity to discuss the importance of reading and how we can use the library to support our learning.

### **English – Adventure Story Writing:**

In our English lessons, we've been working on writing our own adventure stories. This week, the class was thrilled when a mysterious dragon "visited" the classroom! The children then answered lots of questions around the dragon and how it was linked to our class book.

### **Science – Animal Classification:**

In Science, we've been learning how to group animals based on their diets. We had a great discussion about herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores, and the children enjoyed sorting a variety of animals into these groups. They've also been practicing using the terms in their everyday vocabulary and are starting to think critically about animal diets and habitats.

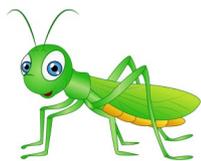


Have a great weekend,

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



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



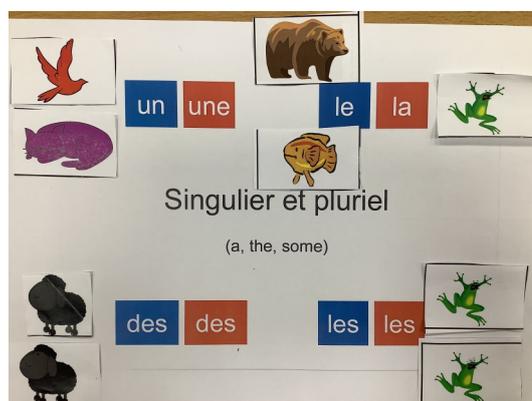
In Maths this week, we started using the formal bus stop method when dividing 2 digits by 1 digit.

In English, the children focused on identifying nouns, adjectives and verbs and corrected sentences using accurate punctuation.

In French, we continued our 'Animals' (les animaux) theme and learned the singular and plural of each. We also looked at how to add 'the', 'a', and 'some' before the noun e.g. des chevaux.

The children are continuing to practice their recorders and can play the notes G, A and B. Their sight reading skills are very impressive.

A hearty congratulations to Mr Pike as he turned 40 this week!



**Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye**



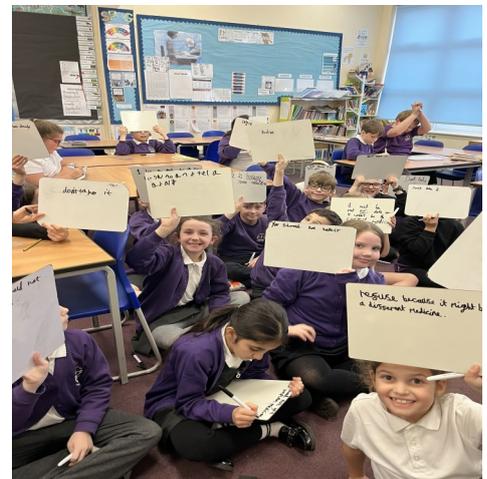
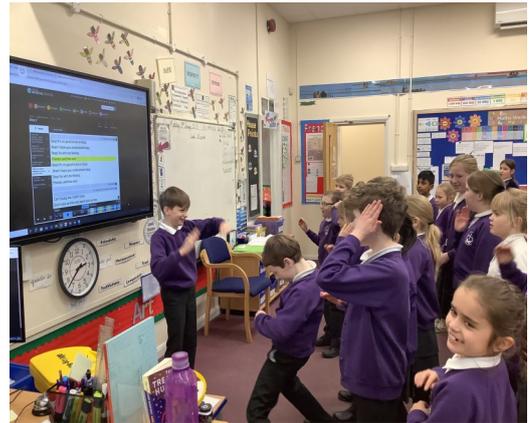
## Year 4 Fireflies Update

Thank-you to all the parents that sent toys in with their children. The Fireflies really enjoyed closely examining and, of course, playing with them! This product research will really help in the Design and Technology unit we are working on, with the aim of making a toy with circuit powered parts.

In Music, this half-term we have been appraising, learning to sing and putting actions to a rap, in a Grime style, called 'Stop!' by Joanna Mangona. The children are fully supportive of its anti-bullying message. This week we compared it to another rap, 'Gotta' Be Me' by secret Agent 23 Skiddoo. This is another song, with a positive message, that encourages us be ourselves, overcome fears and appreciate family.

During PSHCE, we have been working on 'Healthy and Safer Lifestyles' with regards to drug education. We started, this term, by naming medical and legal drugs, gaining an understanding of how a drug can enter the body and bloodstream, before looking at some ways medicines are used and the professionals who work with them. This week, we have worked on the importance of the safe storage of medicines.

### Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys



## Year 5 Busybees Update



*This week the children have been working hard on their writing in English. They have been practising using inverted commas and writing 'speech sandwiches.' In maths, we have been multiplying fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. In PE, we got the gymnastics' equipment out and we were practising our counter balances on the equipment as well as finding ways to move out of the balances either in 'canon' or 'unison'. We have also started practising a dance for a dance show later in the term and were lucky enough to have Mrs Shaw come to help us with the choreography. In Computing, we have looked at how to design a loop and program a microcontroller to respond to an input.*



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



## Y6 Dragonflies Update

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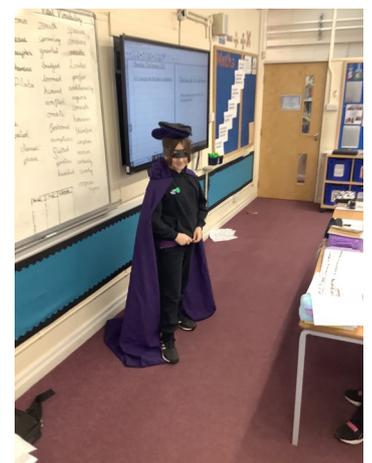
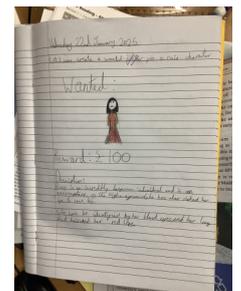
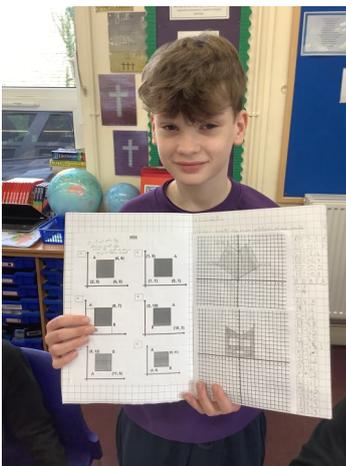
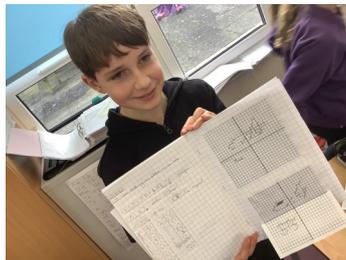
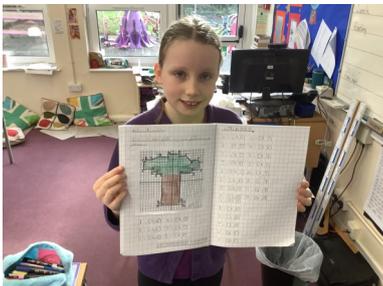
Year 6 have had a jam-packed week this week; with lots of last-minute changes to the timetable, even the teachers haven't known what to expect each day!

In English, we began our unit on *The Highwayman*, and what better way to kick things off than with a visit from the highwayman himself? The children had the chance to question him about his daring adventures before stepping into the shoes of the characters themselves through hot-seating. They truly threw themselves into the roles and it was great to see them be so confident. The children also used their descriptive and artistic skills to create a wanted poster for the main characters!

In Maths, we've been working on coordinates, using all four quadrants to create some fantastic pictures. The children also tackled missing coordinates and mastered reflecting, translating, and rotating shapes on a grid—very difficult stuff!

After weeks of practice, we've now finished learning our dance to *Cotton-Eyed Joe*! The children have been putting all the moves together, focusing on sharpening their footwork and strengthening their legs for those energetic line dancing steps. It's looking fantastic, and they should be really proud of their progress.

A huge shout-out to our Indoor Athletics team, who put in an incredible performance and secured second place out of seven teams! Their determination and teamwork were on full display, and a special well-done to Ms Driscoll for coaching them to their success.



Have a wonderful weekend,

**Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll**