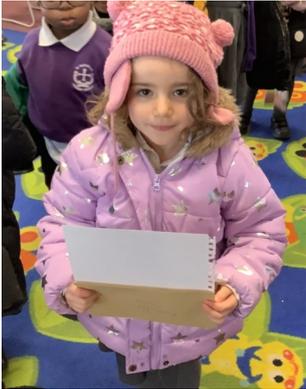


Class Updates - 17.01.2025

Reception Butterflies update



We started the week with a mystery delivery of a map of the school, which we followed to find a book hidden under the trees called 'A walk in the woods'. We have been reading the book in class and learning all about seasonal changes, focussing on writing simple sentences about where animals sleep.



In Phonics, we have been working hard on learning new Phase 3 sounds— oo, oo, ar, or. These are really tricky but the children have been trying really hard, reading words with sounds in them and segmenting and spelling.



In Maths we have continued to focus on numbers 0-5, finding one more and one less, looking at how numbers are composed and subitising.



Our focus this week has been learning about our planet Earth. We have been reading books about what makes our planet special and talking about what we find amazing about the Earth. We watched a video of what the Earth



looks like from space and made sun catchers of the Earth, collaging with tissue paper.



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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week we have been busy learning about different famous landmarks in London and have been writing some facts about them. In Maths, we started our addition and subtraction within 20 unit and have found number bonds to 20 using part whole models and the number line. In art, we looked closely at Piet Mondrian's art and discussed what we liked and disliked. We looked closely at how his paintings had progressed as he got older and how they became more abstract. We recreated our own version of his abstract painting, which we will develop over the next few weeks. In Forest school, we did some bird watching and made art using fruit, sticks and other materials.

We have noticed an influx of toys/teddies appearing in class, please refrain from bringing these to school, as we cannot guarantee they will be looked after. Now we are in the spring term, we would love for children to begin walking themselves into class in the mornings independently. Please try to encourage children to walk themselves in from the top of the stairs, where they will be greeted by Mrs Holmes at the gate.



Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 2, filled with learning and discovery! Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to:

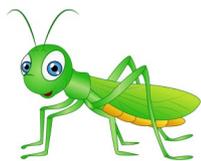
- **Maths:** This week, we tackled missing number problems and explored how to use the inverse operation to check our answers.
- **English:** Our SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar) skills have been the focus as we began our new unit on adventure stories. The children are excited to create their own thrilling tales!
- **Science:** We explored different habitats and discussed how animals adapt to survive in their environments. The children were fascinated by the variety of animal adaptations.
- **Art:** We had fun experimenting with colour mixing, learning how to combine primary colours to create vibrant secondary colours.
- **PSHE:** This week, we focused on the importance of listening and how we can show we are listening through positive body language.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



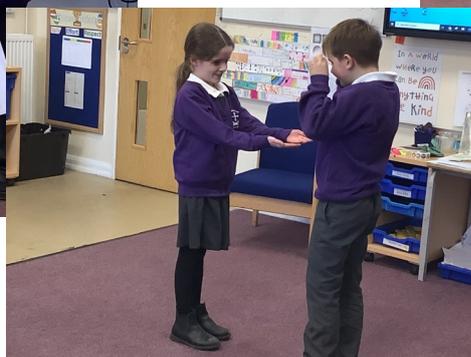
In Maths this week, we have been using the column method to solve multiplication problems using 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables.

In English, we have been looking at dialogue and how to punctuate it accurately with inverted commas. The children used the story (Stone Age Boy) and worked in pairs to come up with their own dialogue between the 2 main characters.

In Computing, the children had to use a word style document to write their name and then alter the font, size and colour. I was impressed at how confident some of the children were and what else they could produce within the document.

In Geography, we started looking at the layers of the Earth. The children had to accurately layer and label the inner core, outer core, mantle and crust. We also began speaking about tectonic plates and how these impact earthquakes and volcanoes.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





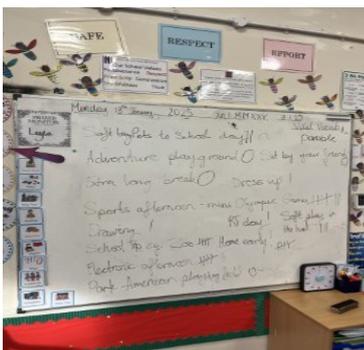
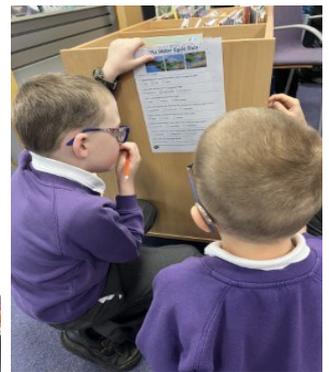
Year 4 Fireflies Update

Fireflies had a wonderful visit to the Saffron Walden Library. The class represented the school really well by showing respect to the other library users. They asked some intelligent questions about the library system, then they used this knowledge to investigate facts about their 'Water' topic.

In Computing, we are looking at data and its collection over time. Using data loggers we established which areas of the classroom were the lightest/darkest, warmest/coolest and the quietest/ loudest.

The Fireflies used the British Value of 'Democracy' by proposing activities for their end-of-term class reward, then by voting for them, in a secret ballot— a mini Olympics was the winner.

Mrs. Dumitrescu, Mrs. Norman and Miss. Humphreys



Year 5 Busybees Update



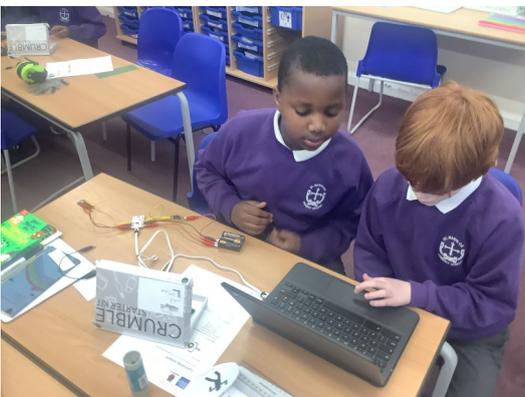
What a wonderful week in Year 5! We have been busy in maths by continuing to practise our multiplication and division skills. In English, we hot seated Hrothgar (King of Denmark in our story) and asked what he was planning to do about the Monster of the Night. In PE we have started a gymnastics unit where we are looking at counter balances. We have some aspiring gymnasts!

In Science this week, we have been looking at air resistance. Year 5 have been making parachutes of different sizes and dropping them from equal heights. The children have been learning about the variable factors in experiments and how to record measurements accurately.

The theme for Geography this term is 'Why Oceans Matter'. This week, we've been looking at the importance of corals, specifically The Great Barrier Reef. We've talked about coral bleaching & news about regeneration projects that are happening around the world.

Year 5 are becoming used to short spoken tasks in French. This week, they conducted a survey about sports.

Have a great weekend everyone!



Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have had another fantastic week with some serious problem-solving!

In English, we wrapped up our *Through the Portal* stories, and I was blown away by the children's hard work; they really showed how imaginative they can be, and their stories were packed with vivid description and all the Year 6 writing expectations too!

In Geography, we launched our new unit on extreme weather with a scavenger hunt. Facts about hurricanes, tornadoes, and other dramatic weather events were hidden around the school, and the children had to track them down. They showed great teamwork and enthusiasm while learning some fascinating new facts—ask your child what the most surprising thing they discovered was!

Science also saw the start of a new unit, this time focusing on light. The children explored how light travels in straight lines by creating their own demonstrations to prove it. There were some fantastic experiments and discussions, and it was great to see them thinking like scientists.

In Maths, we've been manipulating shapes and working with coordinates. The children have mastered plotting points and explored reflection, rotation, and translation. Can your child remember the difference between the three?

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

