

Class Updates - 10.01.2025

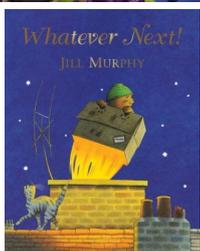
Reception Butterflies update



Welcome back Butterflies to the Spring Term! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and we are so pleased to see all the children come back to school full of enthusiasm and raring to go!



We have got off to a flying start, starting our Phase 3 sounds in Phonics and all the children have been working really hard to use them in their spellings. This week we have learned **ai, ee, igh, oa**.



We have been reading the book *Whatever Next!* by Jill Murphy. Baby bear plans a trip to the moon and has to pack his rocket with all the things he wants to take. We have written our own lists for what we would take to the moon.

In Maths we have been doing lots of activities representing, recognising and subitizing numbers 0-5. We focused a lot on zero. Zero can be a tricky concept to master. The children have sorted lots of objects and pictures by their quantities; are they showing zero or not zero?



In PE this term we are practicing ball skills. This week we investigated all the ways we could handle different sizes of ball using just our hands and making sure to keep it under control.



Frosty fun in Forest School! We talked about the birds and how we can help them at this time of year by feeding them and putting out fresh water as a lot of their water has now frozen. We loved playing with the ice and watching it melt. We made apple bird feeders and practised spotting birds- we saw loads including robins, magpies, pigeons and blackbirds. We also warmed up our bodies by playing Jack Frost - we're really good at running! We also learnt a new song about woodland animals.

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





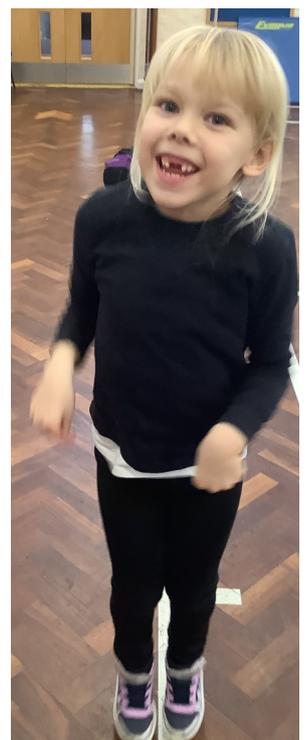
Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Welcome back and happy New Year! Firstly, the year 1 team would like to thank all the parents and carers for our Christmas gifts, we were very spoiled! You may have noticed Mrs Tagg has joined us once again. Mrs Tagg will be with us until June completing her teacher training, YIPPEE!

This week we have introduced our new topics. We classified animals in science, used movements to link animal actions in PE and began our new history topic on toys from the past. We began our new class book in English 'Katie in London' and have enjoyed finding out facts all about London. In computing this week, we used Beebots to sequence directions, guiding it to move from one place to another. In RE we took a look at the Easter story and role played different parts of the story. We are beginning to learn about the importance of the cross to Christians. In Art, we mixed primary colours to create a colour wheel. We will be doing lots of painting this half term, please bring a large shirt/old T-shirt or apron to protect your child's school uniform.



Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade and Mrs Tagg





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term! The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm which is fantastic!

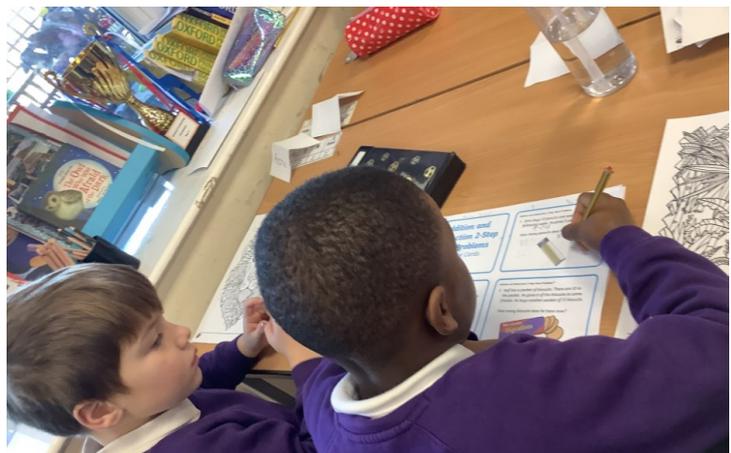
In Maths, we have been strengthening our addition and subtraction skills. The children have been working on solving problems involving two-digit and three-digit numbers and learning different strategies to check their answers.

In English, we are focusing on improving our sentence structure. The children will learn how to use a variety of conjunctions, adjectives, and punctuation to make their writing more exciting and descriptive. We will also explore how to organise ideas into paragraphs and review editing skills.

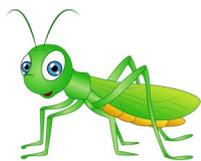
This week, we have been learning about compromise and working together. Through discussions, and team activities, the children have developed skills to listen, share ideas, and find solutions that work for everyone. These are important life skills that will help them build positive relationships both in and out of school.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown, Mrs Wulfse and Miss Sykes



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. The class have come back really well, eager to learn and ready for our new topic—Light!

This week, in Maths, the children have been counting forward and back in multiples of, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100. They have also been looking at multiplication and division fact families and how division calculations have to always start with the largest number.

In English, we have started our new unit, looking at a fiction book called Stone Age Boy. So far, we have explored a range of linked pictures and analysed the front cover. They then made predictions about what the story could be about. Next, we looked at the opening of the story and how the story settings change using adjectives to write descriptively.

In Science, we started our Light unit by identifying sources of light and differentiating between these sources and those objects that reflect or channel light.

In PSHCE, we looked at 'size of the problem' and where we would categorise different events in our lives. We also focused on things that happen that feel huge but actually in the grand scheme of things are small problems.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye



Year 4 Fireflies Update



Hello everyone!

I will use this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Dumitrescu and I am delighted to teach Year 4. I have to say that I am impressed about how positive our class interaction is and how keen to learn everyone is at the moment.

The children have worked really hard on their English topic, where we have started a new Diary entry unit and, as a class, we are working toward improving our handwriting and grammar skills. In Maths we started a new Fractions unit and we can already see some good progress.

This week, during our topic lessons, we have been learning about the water cycle and loving things. We enjoyed going outside and looking for living things such as worms, birds and living plants. The outline of the week was our toys research as part of our new DT unit, where the children will learn to design, analyse and build their own moving toys. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Dumitrescu, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys



Year 5 Busybees Update



A super first week back for Year 5! We have started lots of new learning this week and the children have done amazingly well! In Maths, we have been practising long multiplication and in English we have started a new unit on Legends where our focus book is Beowulf. We have also started programming in Computing using a device called Crumbles. Some of the children were able to programme a light to switch on and off at different timed intervals as well as flash different colours. In PE, we have been continuing to practise our indoor athletics.



Have a great weekend!

Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighton



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break—the children have come in very rested and it's been lovely to see them all again!

With all the festive excitement before the holidays, we didn't quite finish our DT project, so we got stuck back into it this week. The children worked hard to complete their pop-up books, perfecting their V-folds, sliders, and acute folds. It's been fantastic to see their creativity come to life as they added the finishing touches.

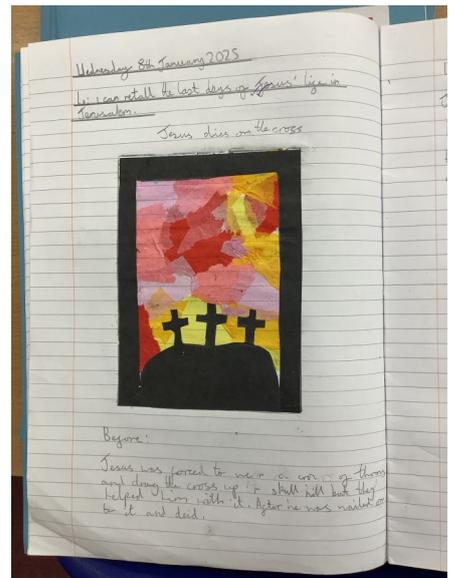
In History, we wrapped up our unit by looking at significant figures in medicine. The children had a great debate about which major figure contributed the most to the field. There were some fantastic arguments, and it was brilliant to see how much they had learned. Ask your child who they thought was the most important and why!

In RE, we explored the days leading up to Jesus' death, discussing the major events and their significance. The children then created their own stained glass depictions of one of these events. Can your child recount some of the major events of 'season 1' of Jesus' last days?

PE has had a different twist this week: we began learning our Cotton-Eyed Joe line-dancing routine. The children practiced arming, do-si-do, and our main footstep pattern. I think that they've all got a newfound respect for dancers now—there were some tired legs by the end!

Have a great weekend and well done on your first week back Dragonflies,

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll



Ignaz Semmelweis



Louis Pasteur



Andreas Vesalius

Florence Nightingale

Alexander Fleming

