

Class Updates - 19.09.2025

Reception Butterflies update

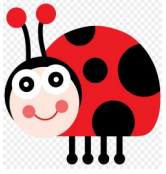


Well done Butterflies for a very successful first week of full days! The children are coping brilliantly with all the new school routines, managing lunch in the hall and outdoor play with the rest of the school. They have enjoyed meeting their buddies who are helping them to find their feet with great kindness.

We have begun learning our Phase 2 sounds in phonics, looking at the sounds 's, a, t, p' and learning how to form them correctly. We have been enjoying singing Maths songs and playing counting games and activities. Our topic is Marvellous Me, so we have been reading lots of stories about what makes us special, talking a lot about our home lives and drawing self portraits. We are very impressed with how much effort everyone is putting in to their learning.



Ms Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week, we have enjoyed programming Beebots, water colour painting in art, ball skills in PE and much more! We spent time outside when the weather permitted, identifying materials and their properties, building a creation which we later destroyed, which linked to the creation story we're reading in RE and developed our ball skills, passing, moving into a space and stopping a ball in PE. In maths, we have been counting on from any given number within 10 and finding one more and one less. We have identified alternative ways of representing a number and explored the maths resources and their purpose.

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Wulfse, Mrs Dowling





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Year 2!

Maths

This week we have been exploring *place value*. The children used base ten to build and partition different numbers, showing a great understanding of tens and ones. They enjoyed the challenge of representing numbers in different ways and explaining their thinking to each other.

English

In English, we have been reading *Lubna and the Pebble*. We focused on the special role of the pebble in the story and discussed why it is so important to Lubna. The children shared thoughtful ideas about compassion and kindness, noticing how Lubna shows care for others throughout the book.

Science

Our Science lessons have been all about *materials*. Year 2 did a brilliant job exploring and describing different properties, using fantastic scientific vocabulary such as *transparent*, *flexible* and *rigid*. They impressed us with how confidently they could match properties to everyday objects.

Topic

In Topic, we have continued learning about our world. The children discovered more about the seven continents and explored the coldest places on Earth. They worked hard to match pictures to the North and South Poles by spotting their key features, showing great curiosity and knowledge.

It has been a wonderful week full of learning and enthusiasm – well done, Year 2!

Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team.





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 3!

This week, in maths, we have been working on place value and learning how to partition numbers in different ways. The children have been practising flexible partitioning to show how numbers can be broken down in more than one way, which is really helping them develop a deeper understanding of number. In English, we have started a new book, Seal Surfer. The children have enjoyed making predictions about the story and have begun writing their own alternative openings. They have really impressed us with their creativity and imagination. In science, we have been exploring friction. The children carried out an investigation to see how friction affects the movement of objects and they enjoyed discussing their results and what they discovered. Our RE focus has been on baptism. We looked at the importance of baptism in Christianity and discussed the symbols and meanings connected to this special occasion. In history, we continued our learning about Ancient Egypt by exploring the importance of the River Nile. The children were fascinated to find out how the Nile supported farming, travel, and daily life in Ancient Egypt.

Well done to all of Year 3 for their hard work this week. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update



Another busy week in year 4!

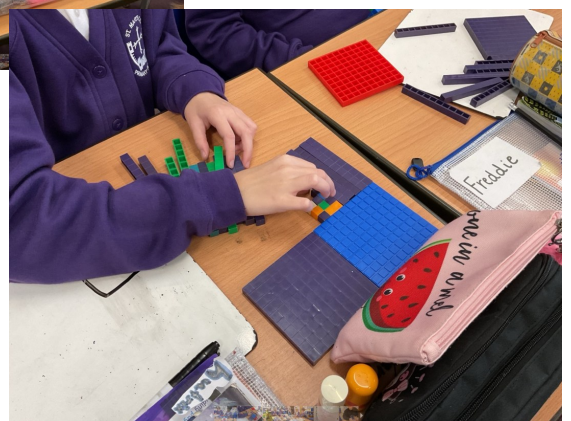
In **PE**, we are beginning to understand the roles of attackers and defenders in touch rugby and how we can move around an oncoming target, as well as really practicing the skill of passing the ball.

In **maths**, we have been using manipulatives to understand the flexible partitioning of numbers and the children enjoyed sharing the different ways they had managed to do this with the class. They are also working really hard on their times tables and making me really proud with what they are remembering.

In **PSHE**, the class worked together to label emotions in different parts of the body and worked hard to create a list of different emotions, which they then used to play some emotions bingo.

I have been particularly impressed by the children's focus this week, with a positive attitude to learning and a high level of concentration across the whole class.

Keep up the good work Fireflies!



Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.



Year 5 Busybees Update

Another busy week in Year 5. In English, we have been using our book 'Race to the Frozen North' by Matthew Henson as our writing inspiration. We have written a recount of his time in Washington D.C and a character description about Captain Childs, as well as editing sentences to practise editing skills.

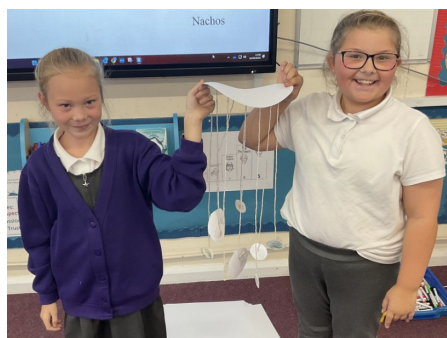
In Maths, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000, 100 000 and 1 000 000.

In R.E, we analysed Genesis 1 and thought about what we can take from this key part of the Bible into our own lives and why it is important to Christians. We carried out a comprehension session looking at 'The Calling of the Fishermen' and discussed why Jesus chose his first disciples and whether there is anything in the world the class would give everything up for.

In Science, we created solar system mobiles to secure the children's understanding of the order, scale and orbit of each of the planets around the sun. In History, we learnt about the 'Space Race' and created a timeline.

In Art, we have been practising sketching, shading and blending skills. I have been amazed by some of the skill and attention to detail within the class.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

Year 6 have had another fantastic week and have really settled into the flow of things. In Maths, we've been learning how to solve long division problems. It's a tricky method, but the children gave it their all and showed real determination to get it right. Can your child show you the drop-down method we've been using?

In English, we've been working on writing formal reports. The focus this week has been on using determiners and fronted adverbials to clearly present information in a more formal tone. The children are getting much more confident in recognising how language can change depending on the audience and purpose.

In Geography, we looked at where the Mayan civilisation was located. The children identified the modern-day countries that now sit on what was once Mayan land and carried out research into the climate and topography of the region. It was a great way to understand how the environment may have influenced Mayan life.

In Computing, we continued our work on building webpages using HTML and a little bit of CSS. This week, the children learned how to add images to their websites; it was tough but most of us managed to get it working and the rest are keen to try again next lesson!

In Science, we learned about trait transference. The children explored what a gene pool is and how it affects the traits passed from parents to offspring. Can your child explain what a gene pool is and how it affects traits of an animal?

Another brilliant week for Year 6. Well done everyone!

**Have a great weekend,
Mr Clarke**

