

Class Updates - 07.11.2025

Reception Butterflies update



This week we began our new topic 'Let's Celebrate' and we have been talking about two very important dates in the British calendar. We learned all about the history of Bonfire Night and took part in lots of fine motor firework activities and created our own scratch art of fireworks.

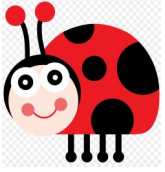
We have also been preparing for Remembrance Day, learning the significance of the poppy and creating poppy prints to remember all the brave men and women who keep us safe.

We have been working hard on letter formation and pencil grip, practising the letters c, a and o, sitting at a table and writing on lines in a book for the first time.

In Maths we have been talking about 2D shape and focusing on triangles and circles and their properties.

Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Welcome back to another busy half term!

We have begun this half term looking at our new class book- Meesha makes friends, by Tom Percival. We have used adjectives this week to describe feelings, appearances and written descriptive sentences.

This week we began our new science topic, observing seasonal changes from autumn to winter. We recapped previous learning and discussed what new learning we have observed the past few months.

In DT, we made our poppy pin-wheels, ready for our Remembrance Service on Monday.

We enjoyed gymnastics this week, focusing on wide, narrow and curved shapes and movements. We created champion moves and linked them using champion movements.

In music, we have begun learning some of the songs for our upcoming nativity.

Forest School was lots of fun - exploring colour and fire safety with the town firework show being this weekend.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

It's been another busy and exciting week in Year 2!

In **Maths**, we have been working on estimating and using number lines to help us understand where numbers belong. The children have enjoyed practising their estimation skills and discussing how we can check if our guesses are reasonable.

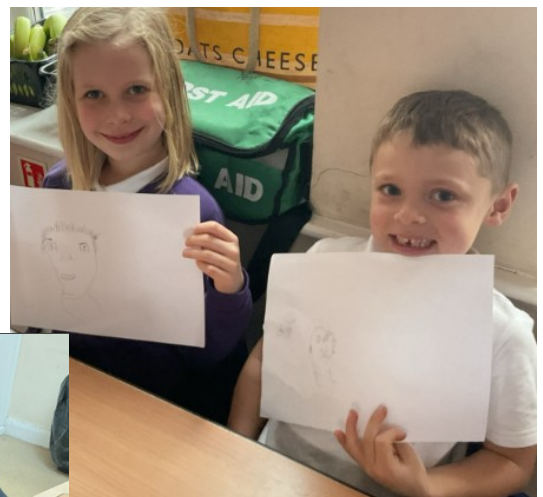
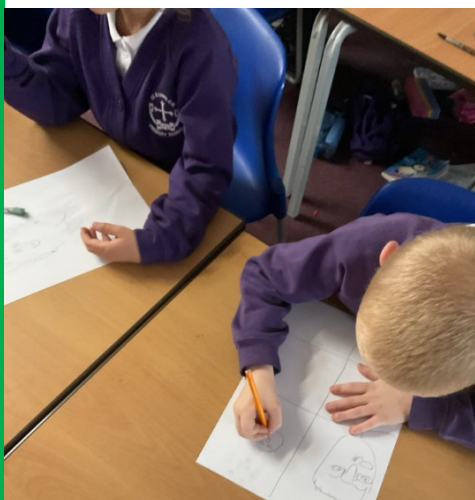
In **English**, we've started our new book "*The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*" by Jill Tomlinson. The children have loved meeting Plop the owl and exploring his adventures! We've been researching real owls to help us write our own descriptions, learning lots of interesting facts along the way.

During **PSHE**, we have been thinking about *kindness*—what it means to be kind, how we can show kindness to others, and how small acts can make a big difference. The children have shared some lovely examples from home and school.

We've also started learning our songs for the **Nativity**—it's already sounding fantastic! Parts and costume support notes will be sent home soon, so please keep an eye out for those in your children's bags.

Well done to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm this week!

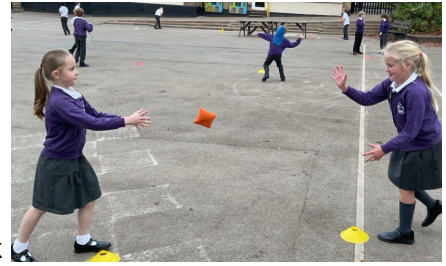
Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been lovely to see the children return refreshed and ready for learning. We've had a fantastic first week back with great effort across all subjects. This week, in maths, we continued our work on addition and subtraction. The children have been building confidence to solve calculations. They are growing in independence! In English, we have begun our new unit inspired by the beautiful book



Winter's Child. The children have enjoyed exploring the story so far and have been working on expanded noun phrases to create detailed and imaginative descriptions. Our new Science topic is *Animals Including Humans*. We started by learning about healthy eating and the important role food groups play in keeping our bodies strong.

The children shared thoughtful ideas and demonstrated a great understanding of how to make healthy choices. In Religious Education,



we have introduced a new philosophy-based unit where we will be exploring how people make moral decisions. This week we began by thinking about the difference between knowledge and wisdom - we tried very hard to articulate our ideas with examples! Our focus in PSHCE this half term is *Valuing Differences*. We have started thinking about how we can work together in an inclusive way. The class came up with games in groups outside. To begin our Geography unit on settlements, we explored

different cities in the UK and studied Saffron Walden in more



detail - we loved looking at the aerial photos of our town! There are also some library pictures below from our trip before half term.



It has been a wonderful start to the half term and we are proud of the children for their positive attitude and hard work. Thank you, as always, for your support.



Wishing you a lovely weekend and look forward to meeting you properly at parents' evening next week.

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

What a wonderful first week back!

It has been great to see all of the children again. They have returned full of enthusiasm and ready to learn.

This week we have begun to look at addition with one exchange in **Maths**, with the children being challenged to spot mistakes and solve problems independently. They have faced these challenges with real perseverance!

The children celebrated **Outdoor Classroom Day**, a global campaign which aims to inspire outdoor learning and play by proving that taking pupils outside is not only easy, but also immensely rewarding. As part of this learning, the class used sticks for coding and created algorithms for others to follow. They had lots of fun and we hope to add lots more outdoor learning to our lessons in future.

Science this week has seen the class start a new and exciting topic, focusing on teeth and digestion. We have lots of plans to get messy whilst exploring this topic and the children are all very excited!

During **PE** with Miss Driscoll, Year 4 have been working hard on their archery skills and taking part in mini friendly competitions. I have seen lots of stickers for bullseyes and lots of smiling faces, so this has been a definite hit!

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the book look, the children really enjoyed showing off the hard work they are proud of. I look forward to seeing you all next week for Parent Consultations.

Well done on another great week, Fireflies!

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



Welcome back, I hope you had a great half term. This week, in Maths, we started our '4 Operations' unit by mentally adding and subtracting and then using formal (column) method.

In English, we are starting the half term with some creative writing based around a book called 'I'll Take You To Mrs Cole'. We described the settings that the boy imagines Mrs Cole's house to be like and then discussed how each of the characters is feeling at different points in the story. We then revisited speech punctuation by writing a conversation between the boy and his mum.

In Geography, we started the unit by revisiting continents, oceans and countries using atlases. Next week, we are going to start researching the Alps.

In R.E, I introduced this unit's Big Question—Was Jesus the Messiah? We started by thinking about the qualities of a leader and which of them Jesus showed.

On Thursday, we did our annual trip to Saffron Walden Library. Whilst there, the children had a chance to learn about the library as well as look at non-fiction books all about our topic, Space. The class were beautifully behaved and respectful to the volunteers who led the session. Well done Year 5.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Year 6 have come back from the half term break and got straight back to it—the half term has begun as it means to go on: busy!

In English, we began learning how to write persuasive arguments. The children explored how to structure their ideas clearly, considered opposing viewpoints, and practised how to refute counterarguments with confidence. In pairs, they planned a piece arguing that children should be paid to go to school (so apologies if they try to persuade you at home, too!).

In Maths, we've kicked off our shape unit by looking at the properties of triangles, quadrilaterals and 3D shapes. The children got hands-on with different models to help work out the number of vertices, edges and faces of each shape by using models and blu tack to count each one on different 3d shapes.

With Remembrance Day coming up, we spent time in both history and RE creating a thoughtful collage of poppies using red, white, purple and black. Each colour represents something different and important—can your child remember what each one stands for?

Well done for all your hard work this week, Yr 6!

Mr Clarke

