

Class Updates - 10.07.2026



Reception Butterflies update

Another scorching week in Butterfly class but we managed to stay cool and still kept busy learning!

We have been looking at positional language and making maps in Maths, using correct prepositions of place and giving directions.

We had a special visit from Harold the Giraffe from SCARF to talk to us about staying happy and healthy.

We have enjoyed listening to stories from different faiths in RE and discussing what lessons we can learn from them.

We have talked about holidays at the beach and looked at how the seaside has changed over the last 100 years .

We have been rehearsing our class assembly and we are all very excited to invite parents and carers in to show off some of our work to celebrate the end of our year in Reception.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!



Miss Nicholson and the Reception team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a week full of learning, fun and creation!

DT: After making our monster plant pots last week, this week we spent time painting them. We covered them in white paint before using our coloured paint to decorate and add detail.

Maths: We have continued our final maths unit on time and have been telling the time to the hour and half past.

History: We have been looking at explorers, in particular Matthew Henson and his achievements. We thought about what he might be thinking and saying in some of his photos celebrating his achievements. We have also compared exploration and looked at how this has changed over time.

PSHCE: We had a wonderful Zoom call with Nancy and Harold from SCARF this week. Our focus was 'feelings'. We did lots of activities with Harold including bingo, singing songs, dancing and more. It was lots of fun to chat to Harold and discuss how we can overcome some of the more challenging feelings we feel at times.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a wonderful week of learning we have had in Year 2!

In English, we have been writing our final pieces based on our class text, *Grandad's Secret Giant*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed bringing their ideas to life and have worked hard to include all of the writing skills we have been practising throughout the unit. It has been lovely to see their creativity, imagination and growing confidence as writers.

In Maths, we have been learning how to tell the time, focusing mainly on o'clock and quarter past the hour. The children have enjoyed using clocks to practise reading and recognising different times and are becoming increasingly confident with this important skill.

In Science, we took part in an exciting STEM challenge where the children worked in teams to build the tallest tower possible using only a limited number of resources. It was fantastic to see the children communicating effectively, sharing ideas and working collaboratively to solve problems. There was a great sense of determination and team-work throughout the lesson.

Today, during our SCARF lesson, we explored friendship and the importance of making positive choices. The children engaged brilliantly in discussions and impressed me with their thoughtful responses and understanding of how our actions can affect others. They showed great maturity and kindness when listening to and sharing their ideas.

A huge thank you to everyone who has kindly donated craft resources for our upcoming DT project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will help make the children's learning even more exciting and meaningful.

Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mr Brown and the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

What another fantastic week we've had in Year 3! The children have worked incredibly hard despite the hot weather!

In Maths, we have been learning about statistics. The children collected their own data by carrying out surveys before organising the information into tally charts and representing it as bar charts. They have been developing their skills in interpreting data by answering questions, comparing results and explaining what their graphs show.

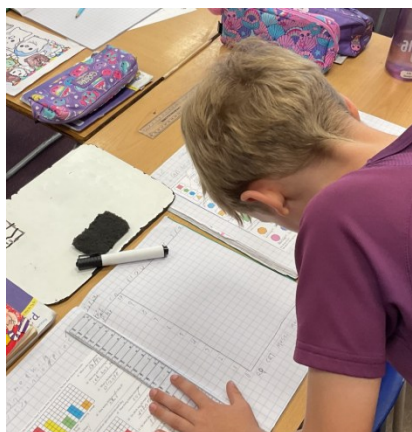
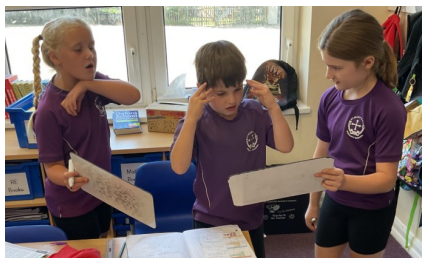
In English, we have been reading *The Wild Robot*. The children are captivated by the story and have been exploring rich vocabulary and completing a range of writing activities inspired by the text. They have enjoyed imagining the mysterious island setting and describing it using ambitious adjectives, expanded noun phrases and powerful verbs.

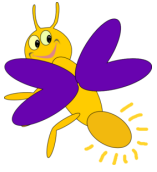
Our final Design and Technology project of Year 3 is now underway! This half term we are learning about the functions of fabric and how different materials are used for different purposes. The children have begun practising a range of sewing skills in preparation for making their own fabric bags. Sewing requires careful concentration, patience and perseverance and it has been lovely to see the children encouraging one another and showing excellent resilience as they learn these new skills.

In PSHCE, we took part in a live Zoom session with Harold the Giraffe, who talked to us about keeping our minds and bodies healthy. The children enjoyed joining in with the interactive activities and discussing ways to stay physically active, make healthy choices and look after their emotional wellbeing. It was a fun and engaging session with lots of thoughtful contributions from the class.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to making the most of our final week together in Year 3!

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A fantastic week down in Fireflies!

This week in **Maths**, we have focused on coordinates as part of our position and direction topic. The children have used lots of different mathematical vocabulary, plotting shapes on graphs and comparing answers with partners. I have been really impressed by how they have supported each other's learning and how hard they are continuing to work, despite being so close to the end of term!

We were lucky enough to take part in a live session in **PSHCE** this week and the class were able to discuss with the session lead how they are all unique and how to handle difficult friendship scenarios as they grow. The children created 'all about me' trees and it was lovely to see them talking so positively about themselves and each other.



In **Science**, we continued to look at states of matter by recapping the role of evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. The class had remembered lots of learning from earlier in the year and were able to link it to this new learning.

We were also lucky enough this week to finally enjoy our whole class reward; an afternoon trip to Bridge End Gardens for a picnic. The children enjoyed navigating the maze, sharing lunch together and exploring the park. Lots of fun was had by all and the reward was very well deserved. The class have shown such a high level of resilience, perseverance and effort throughout this year and I could not be prouder.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

This week has been a very busy one in Year 5!

The majority of our time has been spent practising for our Year 5 and 6 production of Peter Pan. The children have worked incredibly hard learning their songs, and dance routines and we are so proud of the enthusiasm and effort they have shown. We are all looking forward to performing for you on Tuesday and can't wait to share all of their hard work with you. Rehearsals have taken up a large part of the week, but the children have remained focused and committed throughout.

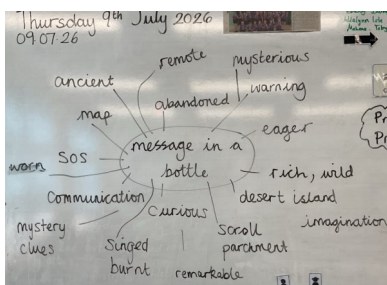
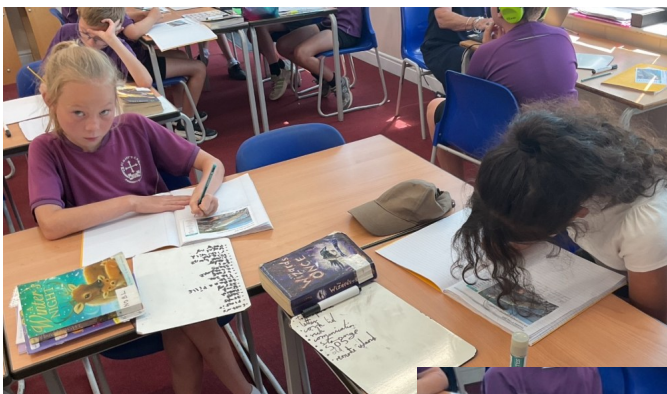
In English, the children completed a piece of creative writing inspired by a message in a bottle. They were able to choose whether to write a story, poem or letter, and it was wonderful to see the range of imaginative ideas and different writing styles they produced.

The children also completed their report pages, which will accompany their end-of-year reports coming home tomorrow. They reflected on everything they have learned and enjoyed during Year 5, as well as what they are looking forward to when they are in Year 6.

Despite the very warm weather, the children have coped brilliantly with the heat, continuing to work hard while remembering to stay hydrated and take care of themselves.

With just one more busy week left of the term, we are looking forward to celebrating all of the children's achievements and making the most of our final days together in Year 5.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's been another busy week in Year 6, with the production taking up more and more of our time as the big performance gets closer.

Rehearsals are now in full swing! The children have been working hard to really polish their lines and dance moves, and it's great to see the confidence growing with every rehearsal. Behind the scenes, Mr Pike and Ms Driscoll have been working tirelessly to create the props and set pieces that will help bring the story to life. Thankfully, it's all starting to come together just in the nick of time!

We also took part in a SCARF session all about choices and changes, which felt particularly appropriate for Year 6 as they prepare for the move to secondary school. By a lovely coincidence, the session was led by the same person who visited the children when they were in Year 2. We even had a visit from a puppet giraffe, which the children seemed delighted to see...although it left Mr Clarke slightly confused!

This week also marked our final swimming session. The children have made fantastic progress over the course of the unit, and it was lovely to round things off with some time in the playground on the Common before heading back to school.

Finally, we were visited by two instructors who taught the children about CPR. The class worked incredibly hard throughout the session, learning an important life skill and throwing themselves into every activity. The instructors commented afterwards that Year 6 was one of the best classes they had worked with, praising the children's enthusiasm, willingness to get involved and the mature way they approached such an important topic.

Another fantastic week for Year 6. We're nearly there now, and it's exciting to see everything we've been working towards coming together.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke

Ps check out the next two pages to see photos of our Yr 6 pupils enjoying themselves in their penultimate week at school.





