

Class Updates - 11.09.2026



Reception Butterflies update

Well done Butterfly class for an AMAZING first week at school. The children have impressed us with their independence and positive attitudes. They are all learning school routines and expectations quickly and having lots of fun exploring the classroom and playing with all our resources.

We are excited about the year ahead!

Miss Nicholson and the Reception team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a very first full week in year 1!

Maths: We have been counting to 10, sorting objects by colour, size and shape and recognising numbers in words.

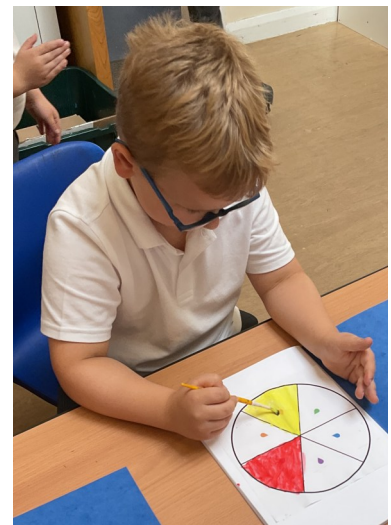
PE: This half term we are focusing on ball skills. This week we focused on movement. We used balloons to focus on moving into a space and taking it in turns.

Art: This week we painted the colour wheel, focusing on primary and secondary colours. We will be painting a lot this year, please provide an apron/big t-shirt if you wish to protect school uniform.

We have been getting to know each other, rules and routines. We have been exploring the decking area and playing with new toys.

We have had a really fun week!

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a fantastic start our Caterpillars have made! The Year 2s are settling in really well and have been trying incredibly hard with their work. It's been lovely getting to know them and seeing them become more confident with our new routines.

In English, we've been working on writing sentences and adding one piece of information at a time to make our writing more interesting. The children have done really well at remembering those all-important capital letters and full stops!

In Maths, we've recapped place value this week, thinking carefully about tens and ones and how numbers are made. We've also been practising adding on using our "grab and count on" method. Can your child show you how to grab a number and count on?

In PSHCE, we've been learning about good manners when asking for food and being served. We also talked about why it's so important to look after our teeth and brush them properly. Hopefully there'll be no excuses at bedtime now!

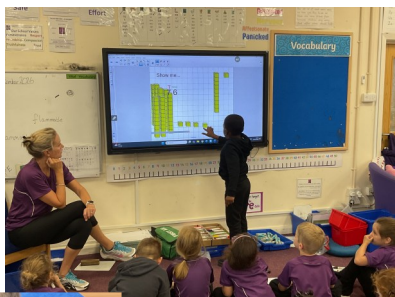
In Geography, we looked at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. The children created their own keys to show the location of each country on a map. Can your child remember all four countries?

In Art, we learnt about Andy Warhol and looked at his famous colourful prints of Marilyn Monroe. The children then had a go at creating their own Warhol-inspired artwork! We also experimented with painting and mixed primary colours together to see which new colours we could create. Unfortunately, our iPad decided it had had enough and ran out of battery, so we're sorry there aren't any photos of that part!

Finally, in Science, we headed outside for a materials hunt. The children searched for different materials around the school and thought about why particular materials had been chosen for different objects. It was great fun, and we were really impressed by how much the children already knew!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke



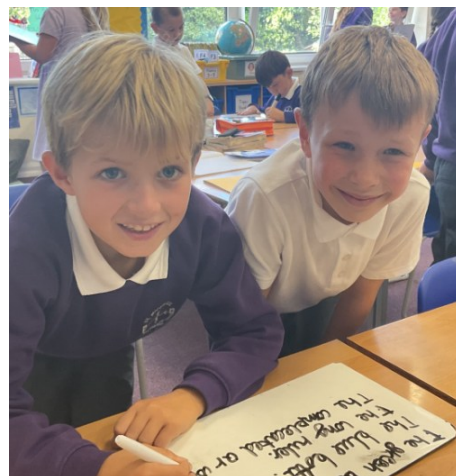


Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

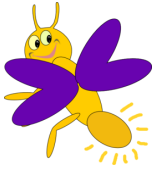
What a fantastic first full week we have had in Year 3! We have packed so much into our first week and we are incredibly impressed with how well the children have settled into their new year group. They have shown such enthusiasm, kindness and resilience. It has been lovely getting to know them all! In Maths, we have started our Place Value unit. We have been focusing on partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and ones and using number lines to help us understand the value of different numbers. The children have made a great start and are becoming more confident at explaining how numbers are made. In English, we have been busy practising our SPaG and writing skills. We have explored using different types of punctuation, described pictures using interesting vocabulary and reminded ourselves about the importance of careful handwriting and presentation. We have been working hard to make sure our writing is neat, clear and easy to read. We have also started our new RE unit, where we are exploring the meaning of commitment and learning about rites of passage. The children have enjoyed discussing important milestones and events in their and other people's lives and thinking about what commitment can mean to different people. Our new Science unit is Forces and Magnets and we have started by thinking about what a force actually is. To help us understand this, we acted out different forces in action - which was great fun! We will be continuing to explore pushes, pulls and forces over the coming weeks. On our first couple of days back, the children enjoyed creating some fantastic Picasso-inspired portraits. They experimented with unusual shapes, colours and features and we were really impressed by their creativity.

We really have packed a lot into our first full week and we are so proud of how brilliantly the children have settled into Year Well done, Year 3!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy a well-earned rest. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!



Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update

What a wonderful first week down in Fireflies class!

It has been really lovely to spend time this week really getting to know the children and seeing their confidence develop as they settle in to Year 4. I can already see their growing independence and there has been a really positive atmosphere in the room. They should all be really proud of themselves for their commitment to adapting to new routines and their efforts in all areas of learning this week.

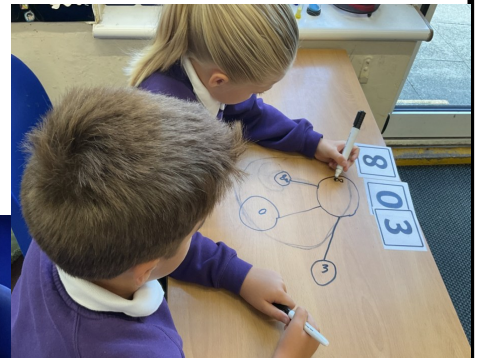
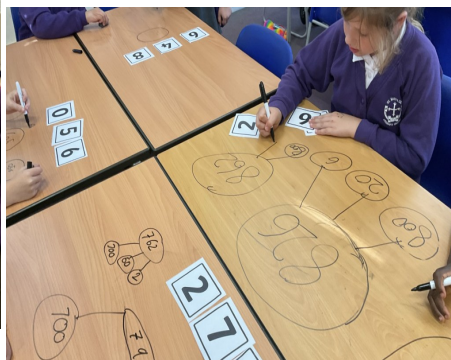
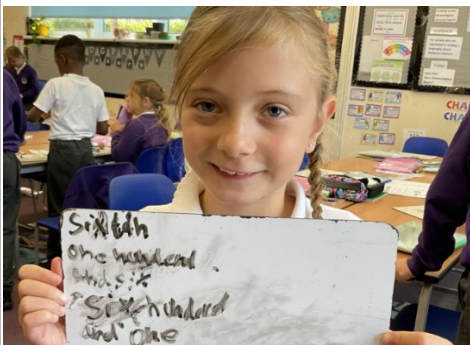
In **English**, we have begun to look at our first text; 'Counting on Katherine.' The children have identified features of a non-chronological report and compared examples to immerse themselves in the style of writing. They have worked hard to use fronted adverbials in their descriptions of the text and I have seen some great collaboration between the class this week.

In **Maths**, we have begun our place value topic by identifying and partitioning numbers to 1000, before identifying them on a number line. The children worked practically in pairs and it was great to see their discussions and reasoning using mathematical language. The children were encouraged to challenge themselves to move to four and in some cases, 5-digit numbers when they felt confident and I have been really impressed with their efforts to stretch their learning.

In **PE**, we have been practicing our ball skills in preparation for dodgeball games. Using different stations, the class practiced underarm throws and chest passes, throwing balls at a target and passing the ball through hoops.

Well done on a great first week, Fireflies!

Mrs Tagg and Mrs Tickle.





Year 5 Busybees Update

What a fantastic first week we have had in Year 5! It has been lovely to see the children settling into their new routines, getting to know each other and showing such a positive attitude towards their learning. We have been really impressed with the effort and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the week.

In Maths, we have started our new Place Value unit. We have been focusing on recognising the value of each digit within larger numbers and understanding how the position of a digit affects its value. The children have worked hard to explain their thinking and use mathematical vocabulary accurately.

In English, we have enjoyed a mixture of SPaG-focused sessions and creative writing. We have been revisiting some key grammar and punctuation skills, while also using images as stimuli to inspire our own creative ideas and writing. It has been fantastic to see the children using their imaginations and beginning to develop some exciting pieces of writing.

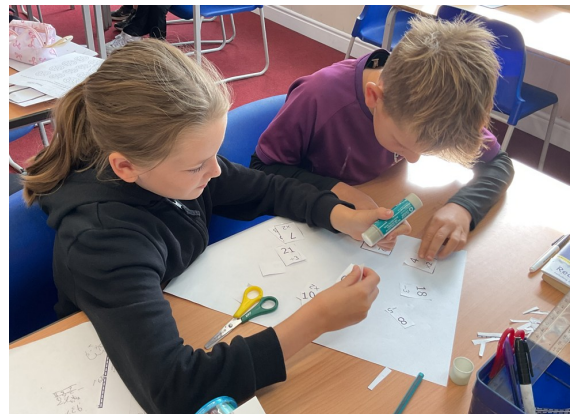
In Science, we have begun our new topic by thinking about the shape of the Earth. We have explored different theories about what the Earth looks like and have started to compare and discuss the evidence behind these ideas. There have already been some great questions and interesting discussions!

In RE, we have started our learning about the Creation story. The children have explored different parts of the story and have used art to help retell and represent different stages of Creation. It has been wonderful to see the children expressing their understanding in such creative ways.

In PSHCE, we have been thinking about our emotions and how we can regulate them. We introduced the idea of an emotional 'toolbox' containing different strategies that we can use when we are experiencing strong or difficult emotions. The children have begun to consider which strategies might work best for them and how these can help us to manage our feelings positively.

Overall, it has been a brilliant start to Year 5, and we are incredibly proud of the children. We are looking forward to another exciting week of learning together!

Mr Brown and the Year 5 class team.





Year 6 Dragonflies update

Welcome back! It has been lovely to welcome the children back and they have settled into their routines really well.

We have had a busy and exciting start to the term. In Maths, we have begun revising place value, including rounding numbers.

In English, we started our new unit based on the book *Rose Blanche*, which links closely with our World War 2 topic. We have also been developing our understanding of the events of the war by looking at a timeline of World War 2.

In Science, we started our Evolution and Inheritance unit. The children have been exploring the adaptations that living things have developed to help them hunt, survive and thrive in particular environments.

In PSHE, we have been discussing different scenarios that can occur in group chats and thinking about how we should respond if something makes us feel unsafe or uncomfortable. I hope that the class put them into practice if situations occur in real life.

Finally, Year 6 homework will begin next week. I am currently finalising the online platform and will share further information with you once this is ready.

It has been a fantastic start to the term, and I look forward to seeing the children continue to grow and make progress over the coming weeks.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith & Miss Driscoll

