

Class Updates - 25.09.2026



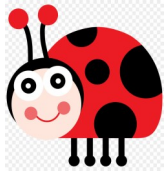
Reception Butterflies update

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Reception! The children have been settling beautifully into our daily routines and are becoming more confident and independent as they get to know our classroom and outdoor area. We've had lots of fun exploring our new and improved outside area, with plenty of sand and water play, as well as getting creative with construction, mark making and developing those all-important early writing skills. We've also continued learning sounds in our phonics sessions and have introduced Dough Disco, which the children have loved! Our PE lesson was a particular highlight this week, as the children worked together to create their own obstacle course, practising their balancing, climbing and coordination skills while learning to negotiate and share the soft play resources. It has been wonderful to see so much curiosity, enthusiasm and growing confidence already!

Miss Nicholson and the Reception team



Year 1



Ladybirds Update

Another fantastic week in year 1!

PE: We used beanbags to throw and catch, before moving on to throwing and catching to a partner with a ball. We also used beanbags under arms to throw to one another and kept our hands in a cup shape showing we were ready to receive the ball.

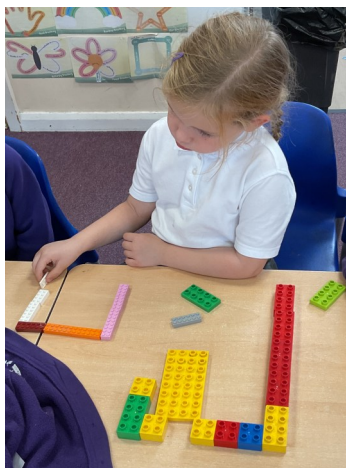


Geography: This week we thought carefully about the layout of our classroom and created 'messy maps' representing the different items we have around the room, including tables, the board, the reading corner, the toilets.

Science: We have continued with our materials topic, this week we investigated which materials float and sink. We made predictions before our experiment and enjoyed observing our findings.

Forest school: We harvested courgettes, threaded leaves and worked together to move some heavy wood logs!

Ms Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Another busy week in Caterpillars, with lots of hard work and plenty of fun along the way! In English, we've begun writing our own instructions explaining how to catch a dinosaur! We've been working particularly hard on using bullet points this week, which has proved a little tricky at times, but the children have shown great perseverance. We also learnt a set of instructions together and created story maps to help us remember the different sections and some of the key phrases. Can your child remember any of the steps?

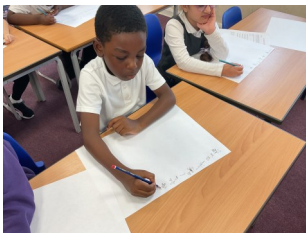
In Maths, we've been working on adding and subtracting using diagrams. The children have learnt how to draw their own Base Ten representations to help them see what is happening to the numbers when we add or take away. It's been great to see them becoming more confident at choosing and using these drawings independently to help them solve problems.

In Science, we carried out an investigation to find out whether different materials had particular properties, such as being strong, flexible or waterproof. Things got a little bit chaotic at times, but the children had a fantastic time testing the different materials (especially when the waterproof test resulted in water getting just about everywhere)!

In PE, we've continued our work on controlling our bodies and exploring how different animals move. This week, we focused on lions, with the children creating three different poses and practising how to transition smoothly between them. We finished with our very own Caterpillars runway show, where everyone had the chance to show off their lion poses to the rest of the class!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke





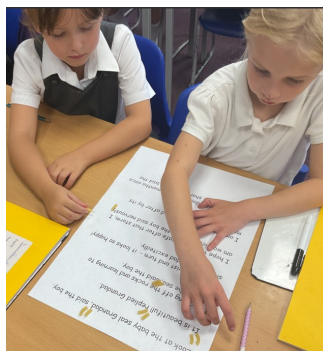
Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

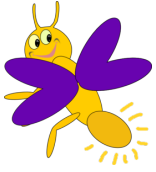
.It has been another busy and exciting week, with the children working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum.

In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering numbers, as well as practising how to estimate numbers on number lines. The children have been developing their understanding of where numbers sit and explaining their reasoning. In English, we have been learning how to use inverted commas correctly when writing speech. We got creative using pasta to help us work out where our inverted commas should go! The children have really enjoyed putting this into practice in their own writing. In Art, we have been practising blending colours to create beautiful sunset backgrounds. The children experimented with different colours and techniques in preparation for our final pieces. We also had our second recorder lesson with our specialist music teacher, Mrs Thomas. This week, we learnt the notes A and B and had a go at reading musical notation and playing songs using these notes. The children are already becoming much more confident with their recorders! The girls had a fabulous morning at football, showing fantastic respect and effort throughout. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves. The boys also had a great time in PE, joining the Year 4 boys and enjoying some competitive games against each other. They also enjoyed playing against each other and putting their skills to the test in Computing! One of the highlights of our week was joining a live Zoom with a real class favourite – Steve Backshall! We learnt all about the incredible work he is doing to protect our oceans and heard about some of the ways we can help to look after our planet. It was a fantastic opportunity and the children were absolutely fascinated!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home. Have a lovely weekend, everyone! Well done, Year 3, for all your hard work this week – you should be very proud of yourselves!

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A busy week for Fireflies class!

In **English**, we have been planning and beginning to write diary entries, based on our text 'Counting on Katherine.' We have considered the perspective of Katherine's father during major life events and considered our use of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and how to add more description within our writing.

In **Maths**, we have continued building on our place value knowledge, by estimating on number lines to 10000 and finding 1,10,100 and 1000 more or less. I have been particularly impressed this week by the way the whole class have focused during independent work in Maths and the children are very pleased to know they are well on their way to their class reward as a result!

In **Science**, the class spent time building simple circuits and recording their findings. They worked in pairs to identify and rectify any problems with their closed circuits, before adding to them with different components and observing the changes.

There was lots of collaborative discussion during **RE** this week, where children created story boards to re-tell the Bible story of Adam and Eve and reflected on the teachings Christians take from this.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mrs Tagg and Mrs Tickle.





Year 5 Busybees Update

It has been another fantastic week in Year 5, with the children working hard across all areas of the curriculum. We have been particularly impressed with their enthusiasm, curiosity and willingness to explain their thinking.

In Maths, we have continued our learning about place value. The children have been developing their understanding of numbers up to one million, recognising the value of each digit and using this knowledge to read, write and represent larger numbers. They have worked hard to explain their mathematical thinking and have shown some great progress throughout the week.

In English, we have started to explore inspirational people from throughout history. We have particularly focused on Jesse Owens and learned about his achievements as an athlete, as well as the impact he had beyond the world of sport. The children have enjoyed finding out about his life and considering why he is remembered as such an inspirational figure.

Science has been particularly exciting this week! We had a practical lesson exploring the phases of the Moon. The children used Play-Doh and plasticine to create models of the Earth and Moon. They then used a torch to represent the Sun and investigated how the position of the Moon affects the way it appears from Earth.

We were incredibly impressed with how well the children were able to explain their observations using scientific vocabulary. They demonstrated a growing understanding of why we see the different phases of the Moon and were able to confidently explain their thinking.

Finally, we have been learning about e-safety and the importance of staying safe when using the internet. The children did a fantastic job discussing different ways we can protect ourselves online, including what to do if we see something that makes us feel worried or uncomfortable. We also discussed who we can go to for help and support if we have concerns about something we have seen online. The children contributed some thoughtful ideas and showed a very good understanding of the importance of making safe and responsible choices online.

Well done, Year 5, for another brilliant week. We are very proud of the effort, enthusiasm and curiosity you have shown!

Mr Brown and the Year 5 class team.





Year 6 Dragonflies update

This week, we continued our work on Rose Blanche, using the story as inspiration for writing diary entries from the perspective of Rose. The children have worked hard to capture thoughts, feelings and experiences. We have also been particularly impressed with their excellent use of alternative vocabulary, helping to make their writing more interesting and expressive. In Maths, we have been exploring negative numbers, with a particular focus on calculating intervals across zero. The children have been developing their understanding of how numbers change when moving between positive and negative values and have tackled some challenging problems with increasing confidence. There has been plenty of excitement in PE this week as we continued our archery practice. We saw some fantastic shooting, with lots of bullseyes!

On Thursday, the girls enjoyed taking part in a football festival, putting their teamwork and football skills into practice. Meanwhile, the boys worked with Mr Jarmain on developing their touch rugby skills.

Our Computing lessons have taken us into the world of 3D modelling. The children have been experimenting with digital tools to create and manipulate 3D objects.

In PSHCE, we have been thinking about friendships and relationships. We discussed the qualities that make someone a good friend, the qualities we value in others and what makes a friendship healthy. We also explored the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, considering how we can show respect, kindness and understanding towards others.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith & Miss Driscoll

