

Class Updates 2nd October

Reception Butterflies update



We have had another busy and exciting week of learning and growing together. Our phonics is going really well as we continue learning new sounds and developing our blending skills to help us read words independently. In Maths, we have been enjoying our daily sessions, focusing on sorting and matching and talking about how objects are the same or different. The children are becoming increasingly confident in our classroom environment, happily exploring both indoors and outdoors, making choices about their play and learning to collaborate and share ideas with their friends. We also enjoyed a lovely PE yoga session, developing our balance, coordination and body awareness. In RE and PSED, we have been talking about the special people in our lives, including our families and friends, and thinking about what makes our relationships special. It is wonderful to see the children becoming more settled, confident and independent each day. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Phonics and Independence workshop. Please check tapestry for the slides and handout if you weren't able to make it. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Nicholson and the Reception team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update



We had a wonderful time at the library this week. We focused on books about superheroes and celebrating differences.

Forest school: We enjoyed crafting and leaf rubbing. We made a very special craft to show next week at our Harvest festival church worship.

Science: This week we looked at materials with magnetic properties. We made predictions and investigated objects around the classroom which were magnetic. We categorised these into their materials and found out if our predictions were correct.

PE: We focused on different throwing and passing this week. We had fun chest passing, underarm throwing, overhead throwing and bounce passing. We then tried throwing at a target, getting the balls into the basketball hoops.

Geography: We spent time outside observing closely, drawing a map of our playgroup with a key.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update



Another busy and exciting week in Caterpillars! This week, we learnt about the importance of Harvest and why it is a special time of year. The children then created their own harvest baskets, working really hard to colour neatly and carefully. We also practised the rather tricky skill of cutting out a section from the middle of a picture - something that took lots of concentration and careful scissor work!

In PE, we used one of our sessions to learn how to use the gym trail safely and effectively. The children tackled the different obstacles to help build their strength and core muscles, while also working on their balance and coordination. They had a fantastic time making their way around the obstacle course!

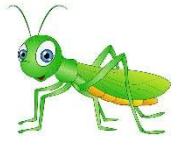
In Maths, we've been tackling the tricky concept of subtracting across ten. We've been using Base Ten to help the children really visualise what is happening to the numbers and understand why we sometimes need to exchange a ten. It's certainly been challenging, but the children have shown fantastic perseverance and kept going even when things have felt difficult!

In Geography, we had a surprise visit from Captain Whitebeard, Captain Blackbeard's uncle! Blackbeard had mysteriously disappeared into the Brazilian rainforest so Whitebeard enlisted Caterpillars to help track him down. On our adventure, we explored what the rainforest is like and discovered some of the amazing plants and animals that live there. Can your child remember any of the wildlife we encountered on our journey?

Finally, in Computing, we explored how photographs can be changed after they have been taken. The children experimented with adding different filters and manipulating their pictures to create all sorts of different effects. They were incredibly imaginative with their creations and certainly discovered just how much you can change a photograph! Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3! In English, we have been looking at the features of letters to help prepare us for our own letter writing, linked to our book *Seal Surfer*. The children have been spotting the different features and thinking carefully about how we can use them in our own writing. In Maths, we have finished our work on place value and have now started addition and subtraction. We have explored how our knowledge of number bonds within 10 can help us to solve larger calculations – for example, using $7 + 3$ to help us solve $70 + 30$ or $700 + 300$.

Our recorder lessons have continued and we have learnt a new note – G! Mrs Thomas was incredibly impressed with how well the children are progressing and said how well the class are doing. What a lovely compliment! In Art, we have been exploring silhouettes, which will form part of our final Egyptian landscape artwork. The children have been experimenting with shapes and thinking about how silhouettes can help to create an effective scene.

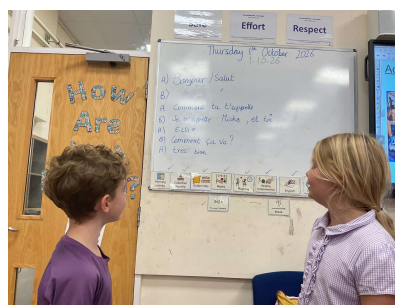
In PSHE, we have been learning about emotional regulation. The children designed their own 'toolboxes' filled with strategies and activities that they could use to help themselves when experiencing unhelpful or difficult emotions. Our History learning has taken us further into Ancient Egypt. We have discovered why the River Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians and have also learnt about hieroglyphics and the fascinating Rosetta Stone.

In PE, we have continued to develop and perfect our gymnastics skills, as well as learning more about Tag Rugby, including the rules, skills and how to play as part of a team.

The children have also been busy creating their beautiful Harvest wreaths which we hope you will enjoy seeing!

A great week, Year 3 – well done everyone! Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A busy week this week in Year 4!

In **Maths**, we have used our place value knowledge to begin rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children have taken part in lots of practical activities to round numbers and explain their reasoning to each other. They have worked really hard to embed the new learning and I am impressed by their efforts to practice their Mathematical vocabulary.

In **English**, I have seen some wonderful pieces of writing in the form of finished diary entries. The class have also begun to plan and draft letters of application for their dream jobs, thinking hard about their skills, attributes and future ambitions.

In **DT**, the children are beginning to think about their final designs for the toy they would like to create. They have collaborated to evaluate current products, as well as evaluating each other's design ideas.

A big focus in Year 4 throughout this year is reading and times tables. Please do ensure you are allowing time for your child to read and practice times tables where possible. Logins for TT Rockstars can be found inside children's reading records and another great website for practicing tables can be found here: www.timestables.co.uk (please select the speed test on the right-hand side).

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Tagg and Mrs Tickle



Year 5 Busybees Update



What a fantastic week we have had in Year 5! The children have worked incredibly hard across all their subjects and have shown lots of enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning.

In Maths, we have been focusing on making numbers visually to help us understand, represent and write them accurately. The children have responded well to this approach and have enjoyed using different representations to support their understanding. It has been fantastic to see their confidence growing!

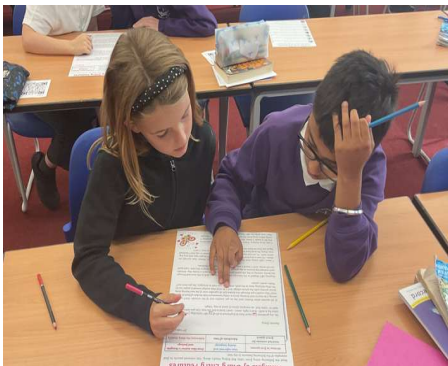
In English, we have been learning about inspirational people throughout history and exploring the impact they have had on the world. We have then begun thinking about how we can write from their perspective when creating a diary entry. The children have been working hard to consider the thoughts, feelings and experiences of these inspirational individuals and use these ideas in their own writing.

In Science, we have been learning about the seasons and exploring why they change throughout the year. We have been looking at the role of the Sun and how changes in the amount of sunlight we receive contribute to the different seasons. The children have enjoyed developing their understanding through discussion and practical activities.

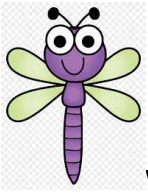
Finally, in PSHE, we have been thinking carefully about the choices we make and how our decisions can affect those around us. We have discussed the importance of considering other people's thoughts and feelings before making decisions and have shared some thoughtful ideas.

Well done, Year 5, for another brilliant week of learning!

Mr Brown and the Year 5 team.



Year 6 Dragonflies update



What a busy and productive week we have had in Year 6!

We have been finishing our diary entries based on our class book, *Rose Blanche*. I have been particularly impressed with the children's vocabulary choices and the effort they have put into editing, improving and refining their writing. It has been wonderful to see them becoming increasingly independent and thoughtful writers.

In Maths, we have moved on to the four operations, with a particular focus on addition and subtraction. The children have also been applying these skills when working with decimal numbers and have been developing their accuracy and confidence.

In R.E, we created Harvest prayers ready for Monday's Harvest Celebration at church. In Computing, the children have been busy building 3D models on the computer, exploring how different shapes and designs can be created digitally. In PE, they have also enjoyed archery with Miss Driscoll, developing their focus, control and accuracy. We have been learning about the different groups involved in World War Two, including who the Allies and Axis Powers were. We have also explored countries that changed sides during the war and those that remained neutral, helping us to understand the complexity of the conflict.

We have spent lots of lovely time with our buddies this week. It has been fantastic to see the responsibility the children have taken on in their buddy roles. They have shown patience, kindness and maturity, and it has been wonderful to see the relationships developing.

In Science, we have been learning about mutations and natural selection, using the peppered moth as our focus. We explored how the moths evolved in response to environmental changes and how, when their environment changed again, they needed to adapt once more.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith & Miss Driscoll

