

Class Updates - 23.01.2026



Reception Butterflies update

This week we have been off to the moon! Investigating rockets and learning about how astronauts live on the Space Station.

We have enjoyed the book 'The night the Moon went missing' by Brendan Kearney and learned a lot of facts about how important the Moon is.

We have added 4 new sounds to our Phonics library 'ur, ow, oi and ear'. The digraphs and trigraphs are getting tricky now so we are reading lots of words with them and using them in our spelling practice.

Our Maths focus this week has been measuring mass and capacity which we have explored with a lot of practical activities working cooperatively with our friends in small groups. There has been a lot of fantastic discussion and estimating going on in our Maths sessions.

Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have been busy across all subjects this week. We have gained so many class marbles and house points this week!

English We have continued our writing about London and this week role played being tour guides. We rehearsed a performance in small groups and presented these to the rest of the class. We were very brave using our presenting voices.

Maths Although tricky at the start, by the end of the week we were experts at ordering numbers within 20. We are even beginning to count using our 2, 5 and 10 times tables!

Science This week we continued our animals including humans topic and named some common animals, we then grouped them and named where they live.

PE We loved using the skipping ropes in PE. So many of us began the lesson stepping through the rope and getting used to swinging it over our heads but by the end of the lesson everyone was showing much more confidence skipping.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team.





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have had another busy and enjoyable week in Year 2, with the children working hard across the curriculum.

In **Maths**, we have been learning about multiplication through the use of arrays. The children have explored multiplication in a very practical way, using equipment and hands-on activities to make equal groups and represent them in rows and columns. This has helped them to develop a secure understanding of what multiplication means and how it works.

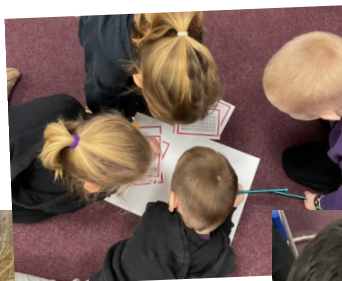
In **English**, we have started our exciting new class book and begun learning all about dragons. The children have enjoyed discussing different types of dragons, building vocabulary, and sharing their ideas. This topic has already sparked lots of enthusiasm and imaginative thinking.

In **RE**, we have been learning about the Easter story. The children have explored the key events of Easter and discussed some of the important lessons and messages that can be taken from the story, such as kindness, forgiveness, and hope.

In **PE**, the children have been developing their basketball skills. Our focus has been on dribbling and moving with the ball, helping the children to improve their coordination, control, and confidence during games and activities.

Well done to Year 2 for their positive attitude and excellent effort across all lessons.

Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

We've had another busy and enjoyable week in class, full of great learning across the curriculum.

In Maths, we have continued working on division using the bus stop method and have also begun looking at remainders. The children have been working hard to apply these skills with growing confidence.

In English, we explored *The Silence Seeker*, thinking carefully about the characters and the structure of the story. The children shared some thoughtful ideas and showed great engagement with the text.

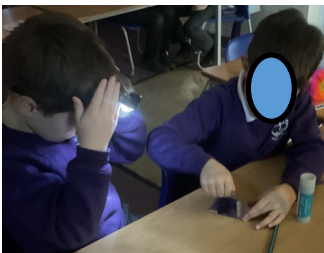
Our Science lesson was a real highlight this week! The children carried out a fun and engaging investigation where they had to get the light from a torch (which had to stay in one place) onto a target using only mirrors. There was lots of problem-solving, teamwork and excitement.

In RE, we learned about how Christians celebrate Holy Week, including discussing what our local church will be doing during this important time.

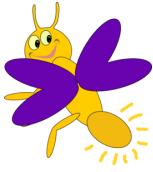
We also stayed active in PE this week. The children enjoyed more indoor athletics with Miss Driscoll and then got their dancing shoes on with Mrs Potter – lots of energy and smiles all round!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update



Another busy week in Year 4!

This week, the class have made me really proud with their commitment in **Maths**, taking real care with their presentation and challenging themselves with the independent work they have chosen. We are finalising our focus on multiplication and division, looking at related facts, informal written methods and multiplying 2 and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number.

In **Geography**, the class have worked hard in groups to create labelled models of the three courses of a river and it has been lovely to see them take real pride in what they have created.

In **Art**, we have enjoyed experimenting with watercolours to discover how Monet created different shades in his famous water lily paintings. I am really excited to see their final Monet inspired pieces in a few weeks' time!

In **English**, the children have focused on writing diary entries and describing settings from the point of view of one of the children in the 'Escape from Pompeii' story. They have created some wonderful pieces of writing with some really thoughtful descriptions. We have begun a new class book and it is great to see the children getting involved in discussions and making predictions about the story. Please do read with your children at home where possible, listening to them where time allows and noting this in their reading diary. We know from experience in school that reading with your child not only supports reading development in school, but also largely supports them in their writing.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

We've had a busy and exciting week of learning in school! In Maths, the children have been learning about square and cube numbers and using their multiplication and division skills to solve problems. Next week, we will begin our new unit on fractions.

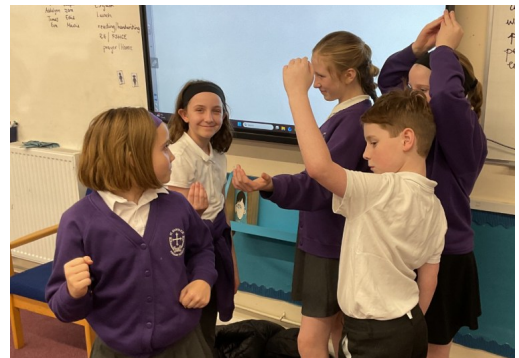
In English, we have started our non-chronological report unit. The children have been writing character descriptions, as well as learning about the diet and habitat of different creatures.

In RE, we explored the story of the resurrection of Jesus. The children created freeze-frames to represent each part of the story, showing great understanding and teamwork.

In Science, we carried out experiments to test hardness, transparency, and magnetism. The children enjoyed making predictions and observing the results.

In PSHCE, the children have looked at the qualities of a good friend, how to value each other's opinions and what to think and what to say.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys





Year 6 Dragonflies update

Once again it's been another busy week in Year 6!

In Maths, we've been learning how to read and plot coordinates across all four quadrants and how to translate shapes on a grid. The children did a fantastic job visualising movements and using precise language to describe them.

In English, we've been reporting on the dramatic events of *The Highwayman*. The children wrote their own newspaper articles, using formal language and trying to replicate the tone and rhythm of a BBC newsreader. The reports were detailed, dramatic and full of style!

In Geography, the classroom was turned into a giant fact hunt. Weather facts were hidden all around the school, and the children had to track them down and use them to answer some tricky questions. Can your child remember any surprising weather facts?

In Science, we had a look (no pun intended) at our eyes this week! We learnt how light helps us to see, the parts of the eye and how that information is sent to the brain. The children even made their own model eyes, optic nerve and all! Can your child explain why the iris changes the size of the pupil?

Mr Clarke

