

# Class Updates - 16.01.2026

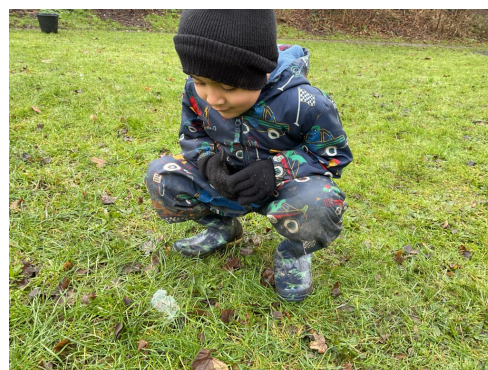


## Reception Butterflies update

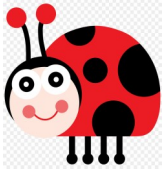


This week our topic focus has been our planet Earth. We have been reading 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers and thinking about all the things we have on Earth that makes our planet special. We have been gathering facts all about the planet and creating Earth suncatchers to decorate the classroom.

In Phonics we have learned the sounds oo, oo, ar, or, reading them and using them in our spellings. In Maths, we have been looking at the composition on numbers 1-5 and counting one more and one less. Using lots of music and songs to support our learning. In PE we are working on ball skills, practising how to keep the ball under control with our feet.



Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

A brilliant week of learning this week! We have gained a trainee teacher in class– Miss Dangerfield, she will be with us for the rest of the school year.

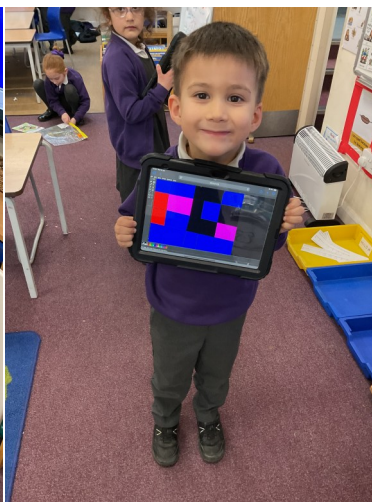
English This week we have been writing a variety of sentences, some using conjunctions, some using pronouns and most containing facts about London.

Maths We have continued with place value within 20, investigating one more, one less, number lines, estimating, counting forwards and backwards and writing numbers to 20 in words.

Art and Computing During art, we designed and mapped out our own version of Piet Mondrian's abstract art, we then used this plan to recreate it as digit art. We designed our own line patterns, filling them with different primary colours according to our original art work.

Forest school Despite the rain, we practised lighting fires and loved using our new trolleys. Mrs McInnes showed us her rain stick which we enjoyed listening to and we made some brilliant rain noises using our fingers, hands and feet.

### Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in **Maths**, we have been working on solving inverse and missing number problems. The children approached these challenges with great enthusiasm and did very well—well done Year 2!

In **English**, we have been playing SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar) games to help reinforce our skills. We have also been focusing on varying our sentences to make our writing more interesting and engaging.

In **Science**, the children explored **exercise and heart rate**, learning how our bodies respond to physical activity. They enjoyed the practical activities and observing the changes in their own heart rates.

In **RE**, we used our **acting skills and freeze frames** to bring a Bible story to life. The children focused on a scene from **Palm Sunday**, demonstrating excellent creativity and teamwork.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

### Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

We are well and truly into the new term in Year 3!

This week in Maths, the children have been developing their division skills. We have been practising dividing multiples of 10 as well as dividing numbers using the bus stop method. The children showed great focus and confidence as they worked through these new challenges.

In English, we began reading our new class book, *The Silence Seeker*. We have been focusing on improving our vocabulary choices and sentence structures and the children have loved exploring new words. Some of our favourite new additions to our vocabulary this week were *loitering* and *dawdling*!

In Science, we learned about opaque, transparent and translucent materials. We also explored how light travels and how different materials affect the way light passes through them.

During PSHCE, we started our unit on keeping safe. The children discussed different scenarios and worked together to decide whether they were safe or unsafe, thinking carefully about how we make sensible decisions to keep ourselves safe.

In RE, we have been learning about Holy Week. The children wrote thoughtful diary entries in the role of Mary, reflecting on how she might have felt during some of the significant events of this important time.

In Art, we explored different shading techniques and discussed the effect shading can have on a drawing. The children experimented with techniques such as hatching and cross-hatching, producing some fantastic work.

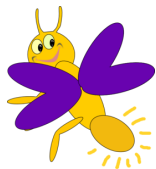
Well done to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm this week. Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.



Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team



## Year 4 Fireflies Update



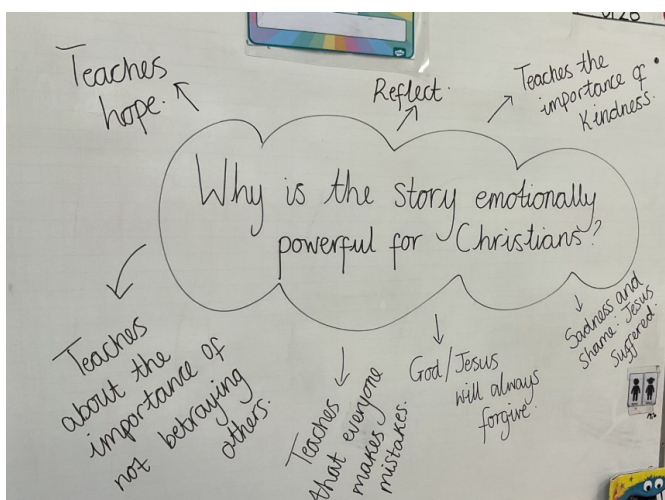
In **PSHCE**, the class have been focusing on friendships and the school's behaviour curriculum. In groups, they discussed behaviour scenarios and how each one was lacking safety effort and respect and how this could be resolved. In pairs, the children have also considered what being a good friend looks like and how they can show kindness to each other in school.

In **Maths**, we have revisited place value and then begun to focus on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We have enjoyed lots of hands on, practical learning and it is great to see their confidence increasing as a whole class.

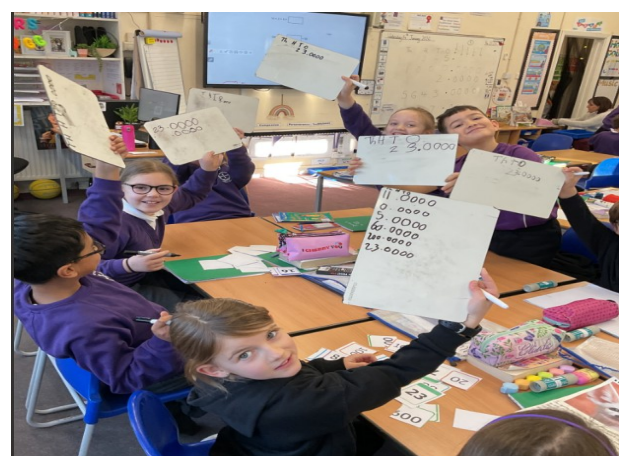
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Well done Year 4, wishing you all a restful weekend.



**Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.**





## Year 5 Busybees Update

This week in Maths, we explored factors, prime numbers and square numbers, using times tables knowledge, strong number skills and tackling tricky challenges.

In English, we worked on recounts of our fantastic residential to Burwell House and then wrote letters of thanks, focusing on what activities they enjoyed, what skills they learnt and showing their gratitude to the brilliant staff who helped and guided them.

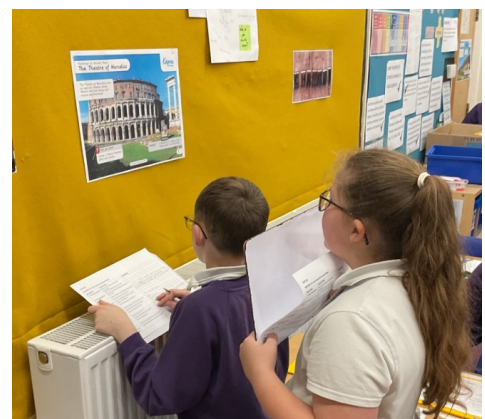
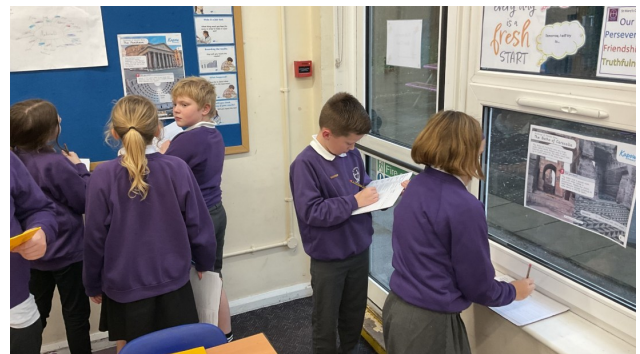
Our Music lessons have been full of creativity as we began composing pieces using glockenspiels, experimenting with rhythm and pitch.

We also launched our exciting new Romans topic! The children researched ancient Roman buildings, learning about their purpose and importance in Roman life. The class seem really excited and engaged already!

In PSHCE, we reflected on our own behaviours and how they link to our three key words: Safe, Effort and Respect, thinking carefully about how these guide our choices in school.

A busy and brilliant week of learning!

**Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Humphreys**





## Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's been another action-packed week in Year 6!

In English, we had a very special visitor: the Highwayman himself, straight from Alfred Noyes' famous poem! He came to speak to us, answer our questions, and help us dive deeper into the story. The children then took on the roles of Tim the Ostler and Bess in our hotseating session, showing great empathy and imagination as they brought the characters to life.

In Music, we pushed ourselves with musical notation. The children practised reading and writing standard notation, translating it into notes and rhythms, and even played a few well-known pieces—including music from the Star Wars films!

In Science, we explored how light travels. The class carried out experiments to prove that light moves in straight lines, then tested how light behaves when it passes through different shaped holes at varying distances. Can your child explain why moving the light source closer creates a larger but blurrier shape?

Have a great weekend!

Mr Clarke

