

Class Updates - 27.02.2026



Reception Butterflies update

The sun has come out to welcome us back to school and the children have come back full of enthusiasm for learning!

This term our focus is 'Once upon a time' and we will be looking at traditional fairy tales. We have begun by looking at 'Whose House?' by Jacqui Wilson and remembering lots of characters from different tales. We have introduced Drawing Club and everybody is keen to draw story pictures and write.

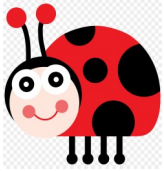
In Phonics we are reviewing all the sounds we have learned this year and we are amazed at how brilliantly they are applying them to their spellings and blending more complex words.

Our Maths focus is in building, writing and subitising numbers 9 and 10 and we have been sorting, counting and building numbers in the classroom.

In RE this term we are focusing on the Easter story and why it is so important to Christians.



Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a very busy, but fun first week back!

On Monday we began our new English unit with a hook, we watched some CCTV from the playground of a suspicious floating object. As the week went on we found footprints left behind in the classroom and received even more CCTV of what looks like a yellow bunny alien. We're looking forward to finding out a little bit more next week!

On Tuesday we enjoyed our trip to Saffron Hall to see Yolanda's Band Jam. The concert was lots of fun, full of dancing and singing and we all had a great time.

On Wednesday we were taught the beginning half of our dance, which we will be performing to other local schools in the coming weeks.

Friday was full of tasty treats. In DT this term we will be making our own fruit kebab. This week we enjoyed tasting a variety of fruit, describing them and rating them to decide which fruit we would like on our end product.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week, we were very lucky to attend a live performance of Yolanda's Band Jam. The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the trip and represented our school beautifully with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. They thoroughly enjoyed being part of the performance and had a wonderful time listening to a variety of different instruments and songs. It was a brilliant opportunity to experience live music.

A massive thank you also goes to Mrs Pledger for kindly walking with us to and from the event. Your support is very much appreciated.

In PSHE this week, we were learning about germs and the importance of good hygiene. We carried out a very exciting experiment using pepper, water and soap. The pepper represented the germs, and the children placed their fingers into the water. When soap was added, there was a real 'wow' moment as they watched the pepper quickly move away from their fingers. This helped the children to understand why washing our hands with soap is so important for keeping clean and healthy.

In Computing, we began using the Beebots. The children learned how to give clear instructions using basic directions such as forwards, backwards, left and right. They then programmed the Beebots to follow different shapes and patterns. The children showed great focus and really enjoyed seeing their instructions come to life.

In Maths, we have been learning about doubling numbers and making links to times tables. The children have used this knowledge incredibly well and are becoming much more confident at spotting how doubling connects to multiplication. It has also been fantastic to see them making links between all four operations in their learning.

Well done for another fantastic week, Year 2!

Kind regards,

Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

How wonderful it has been to see the sun on our first week back after half term!

We have been making the most of the beautiful sunny weather this week and taking our learning outdoors wherever possible!

In Maths, we have started an exciting new unit on measure. The children have been exploring different units of measure and we even took our measuring outside to see what we could find around the playground. We have also been using our Forest School area as inspiration for some creative writing. The outdoor setting sparked some fantastic ideas and the children produced some imaginative and descriptive pieces of work. We even found some evidence of a mysterious visitor although some are not as convinced as others! In RE, we have begun a new unit exploring what Muslims believe about God. This week, we learnt that Allah has 99 names, each reflecting different qualities. The children were fascinated by this and we even spent some time looking up the meanings of our own names!

In Science, we have started our new topic on plants. We are looking forward to investigating how plants grow and what they need to survive.

In Computing, we have begun learning about programming. The children used Scratch to program their sprite to perform different movements. They also explored how to change backgrounds and add sounds to enhance their projects. It has been fantastic to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action.

It has been a busy and productive week — well done everyone!



Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A very positive first week back in Year 4!

In **Maths**, we have continued to look at fractions. The class have worked hard to order fractions on a number line and compare and order mixed numbers. As always, their resilience in Maths has impressed me massively.

In **RE** this week, we have begun to look at our big question- 'How do religious beliefs contribute to society and culture in the local area and beyond?' We discussed the concept of compassion as a class and how this looks within different religions. We then looked at ways in which we as individuals could show compassion and the class shared some really lovely ideas.

In **PHSCE**, the class began their First Aid topic by looking at how to become First Aid champions with the British Red Cross. Each week, we will be looking at new skills and this week the children worked in small groups to practice First Aid and create freeze frames, to present to the rest of the class. This included dealing with burns, broken bones, bleeding and asthma attacks. It is lovely to see their enthusiasm and collaboration when discussing such important topics.

As part of the school's **Grow 15 initiative**, it has been lovely to see some children bringing in their contributions and discussing their entrepreneurial ideas! Please do continue to support your children at home with this where possible.

Well done on another great week, Fireflies!

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum!

In Maths, we have been converting fractions to decimals. The children have been working hard to understand the links between fractions, division and place value, and have shown great determination when tackling more challenging examples.

In English, we have started our new unit on autobiographies. We began by exploring the inspiring life of Malala Yousafzai and discussing her incredible achievements so far. The children were fascinated by her courage and resilience, and we are using her story to help us understand the key features of autobiographical writing.

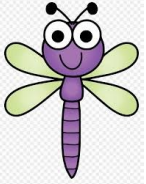
In RE, we have been thinking carefully about what it means to be “good” and “bad”, and why we should choose to be good. The class enjoyed sharing their thoughtful ideas and listening respectfully to different viewpoints as well as creating a scale of ‘good to bad’ actions.

In PSHCE, our focus has been on life changes and how we can take positives from them. We discussed strategies for managing change and recognising opportunities for growth.

In Science, we carried out a separating solutions experiment. The children explored sieving, filtering, decanting and evaporation, and enjoyed working scientifically to observe how different mixtures can be separated.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

Another busy week in Year 6 as we've jumped into some brand-new topics and continued building on last half term's learning!

In Maths, we took our first steps into algebra. The children worked on grouping unknowns, putting values into formulae and finding possible numbers that would satisfy an equation. It was a challenging start, but they approached it really well and showed great logical thinking.

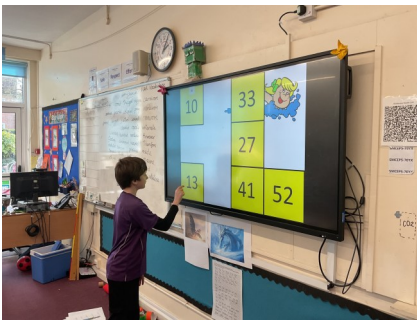
In Science, we began our new unit on electricity. We learnt how electrical charge allows electrons to move around a circuit, creating the flow of energy we use every day. We then built our own circuits to see the theory in action. Can your child remember how electrical energy is created?

In French, we had a great lesson learning the vocabulary for different sports and how to explain which ones we like or dislike. Plenty of enthusiasm on show as everyone shared their favourites.

Although it was from the end of last half term, we've now been able to include photos of the children creating their block prints. It was messy, slightly chaotic at times, but great fun and it was great to see their final products!

In English, we've started our new spooky suspense unit. The children read a story called *The Old Richardsons* and worked in pairs to sort and categorise phrases that revealed a character's feelings. We've been focusing on the difference between showing and telling in writing. Can your child explain the idea of 'show don't tell'?

Well done on your first week back everyone!
Mr Clarke



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