

Class Updates - 17.04.2026

Reception Butterflies update

Welcome back to the Summer term Butterflies! Everyone has come back full of energy and enthusiasm for the new term.



This term our topic is 'Ready, Steady, Grow!' We will be looking at plants and how they grow and the life cycles of humans and animals.



This week we have been looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk in Drawing Club. We have enjoyed retelling the story with lots of exciting vocabulary and drawing the giant in his castle.



In Maths, we have been recapping some of our skills, building beanstalks, finding one more and one less and working with number bonds to 10. We have worked together to make a beautiful fairy garden on the decking to welcome Spring and the sunny weather (fingers crossed).



Miss Nicholson and the Reception team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed your easter!

English

This term we are reading 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. This week we have discussed the main character- Stanley, and wrote sentences about what animal he could be. We have made predictions, explored using question marks, exclamation marks, and commas in lists. We are beginning to use lead in and outs in handwriting and trying our best to join up our writing.

PE

We had lots of fun this week enjoying the space on the field to run around. We focused on catching and pulling tags to show you were caught. This led to us passing the ball backwards, understanding movement with a ball and working together to travel a ball without being able to travel ourselves.

Art

This half term we are focusing on Alma Thomas. This week we looked closely at her art work, discussing the names we would give it and how it makes us feel. We learnt to shade, discussing pressure, coolness and deepness of colour and referred to our colour wheel for the piece of work we shaded, showing gradient colour change.



Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in Maths, we have been learning about fractions. The children have been exploring one half ($1/2$), one third ($1/3$), one quarter ($1/4$), and the concept of a whole. They have enjoyed using practical resources and visual representations to help deepen their understanding.

In English, we have started our new class book *My Name is Not Refugee*. The children have shown great compassion and thoughtfulness as we began to explore the story. We discussed what it might feel like to leave home, and the children wrote some very reflective pieces about what they would take with them on such a journey.

In Science, we have begun our new unit on Plants. We are learning about what plants need to grow and how to keep them healthy. The children are looking forward to getting hands-on with some planting activities soon.

In PSHE, we have been thinking about how we might feel in different situations and discussing ways we can help ourselves stay calm and regulated. The children have been learning and practising some useful strategies to support their wellbeing.

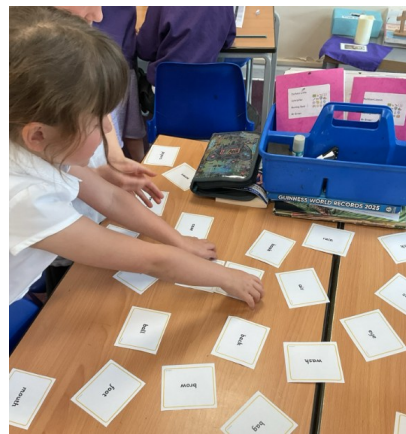
A big thank you for all of the amazing reading the children did over the Easter break—well done! It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and commitment in this area.

For our Science unit, we would really appreciate any donations of small containers for planting. If you happen to have any empty strawberry containers that we could recycle and use at school, that would be fantastic.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Brown and the Year 2 team.





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Welcome back after the Easter break – it has been so lovely to see the children again and hear all about their holidays. They have returned with confidence and enthusiasm and it's been wonderful to get straight back into learning together.

Our final term in Year 3 is now well underway. In English this week, we have been focusing on grammar and spelling. The children have been working hard to use subordinate clauses, adverbs and homophones correctly in their writing and it has been fantastic to see their confidence growing.

In Maths, we have been finishing our unit on measure by exploring volume and capacity. The children have enjoyed the practical elements of this topic and have shown a good understanding of the concepts.

We have also started a new unit in Science on rocks, where the children are beginning to learn about different types and their properties. In RE, we have been studying Pentecost and discussing its importance.

There have been lots of creative and active opportunities too. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing cricket in the sunshine with Miss Driscoll and, in Art, they created some fantastic charcoal cave drawings. In History, we had our first lesson on the Stone Age, where we explored just how long ago prehistoric humans lived, sparking lots of curiosity and great discussions.

It has been a very positive start to the term and we are looking forward to all the learning still to come.



Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update

Fireflies have been absolutely fantastic this week, adapting to change and showing how mature they are becoming - I have been very proud of their attitude and learning. We have had great fun writing disgusting descriptions of the Twits and started new topics in Art and Geography.

A new teacher will be covering until Mrs Tagg is back. Her name is Mrs Sears and she has lots of experience in teaching primary aged children. I have shared a picture of her and given a little of information - the children will I'm sure welcome her to our school and enjoy her week with them.

Well done Fireflies, you have done Mrs Tagg proud!

Louise Robinson





Year 5 Busybees Update

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. This week has already been full of exciting learning across the curriculum.

In Maths, we have been focusing on perimeter. The children have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of a range of shapes and are developing their confidence in applying this knowledge to problem-solving activities.

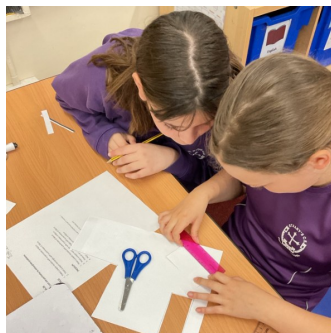
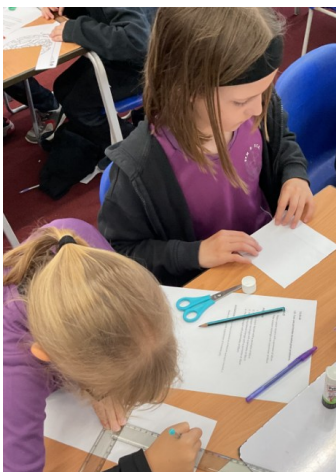
In English, we have started a new unit based on the book *The Paperbag Prince*. This has sparked thoughtful discussions around littering and caring for our environment. The children are enjoying exploring the themes of the story while developing their reading and writing skills.

In RE, we are learning about how Hindus make sense of the world. Alongside this, we are encouraging the children to reflect on their own perspectives by exploring the question: how do we make sense of the world as children? This has led to some insightful and meaningful conversations already.

We were also fortunate to have a visitor on Tuesday to speak to us about mental health. The session focused on the importance of believing in yourself and having a voice. The children engaged really well, and we look forward to two more sessions over the coming weeks.

In Geography, we have begun our new unit on Oceans. The children are learning about the importance of oceans, including their role in supporting life on Earth and the need to protect them.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

Welcome back to Year 6 - we hope everyone had a restful Easter break and is ready for a busy (and exciting) term ahead!

We've kicked off our new History topic on World War II, but before diving straight in, we travelled back in time to look at the events that led to World War I and what happened afterwards. This has helped us build a really strong foundation so we can better understand how the world ended up at war again.

In Art, the children have started thinking about structure and how artists approach sketching. We looked at how to hold a pencil differently when drawing and had a go at sketching a robin as a class. There were some fantastic efforts, and lots of enjoyment in the process too, as you can see from Isla and Alfie's exuberant expressions!

Maths has seen us move into revision mode, with the children working through different "levels" to recap key areas of the curriculum. We've been focusing on properties of shape, as well as reflecting, rotating and translating shapes. The idea of reaching the "Boss Level" has gone down very well, and it's been great to see the children pushing themselves to get there!

In English, we've been working in pairs to tackle grammar questions in preparation for May. The children have really impressed with how much they remember, especially when it comes to spotting things like prepositions and applying their knowledge quickly.

In our PSHCE, we've been taking steps to try and promote the right to education—we looked at the tough conditions that many children who do not have access to education work in; many children working in agriculture have to carry 20kg throughout the day. We all had a try with 10kg and thought it was too heavy!

We also began our swimming sessions this week, which brought plenty of excitement. It's always great to see the children building confidence and enjoying their time in the water. Just a reminder that our other PE day will now be on a Tuesday, so no need for PE kit on Wednesdays for the next 10 weeks!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke

