

Class Updates - 22.05.2026



Reception Butterflies update

Well done Butterflies you've made it to the end of another busy half term!

This week we have been practising lots of skills that we have acquired this year! We have been focusing on correct letter formation in handwriting, thinking really hard about starting our letters in the right place. We have revised all our sounds in phonics and impressed Miss Nicholson in our assessments.

In Maths we have been subitizing superstars and looked at part whole numbers making number bonds.

We had a lovely time in Forest School making bees, learning a bee rhyme and planting out our courgette seedlings.



The visit from Gladiator Steel was very exciting and we really enjoyed meeting him and watching him walk on his hands!

Have a wonderful half term break!



Miss Nicholson and the Reception team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Forest school: We hid from the rain under shelters creating leaf rubbings, built dens and watered the vegetable patch.



Music: This week we tried really hard to find the beat and keep a steady rhythm. We used a variety of instruments including egg shakers, maracas, sleigh bells and claves.

Science: We went for a walk around Bridge End Gardens observing the common and wild plants in our local area.

Geography: Whilst looking closely at life in Shanghai last week, we noticed children completing calligraphy classes. This week we had a go at writing our own calligraphy in the style of our name.

Gladiator: We had a great time with Gladiator Steel, who took the time to tell us all about being a Gladiator.

Well done ladybirds on another successful half term, enjoy your half term break!

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in Year 2, we have had another busy and exciting week of learning across the curriculum.

In Maths, we have continued to focus on shape. In particular, we have been identifying and describing the sides and vertices of different shapes. The children have also been able to sort shapes into 2D and 3D groups based on their properties and explain their reasoning using mathematical vocabulary. In English, we have written the first part of our diary entry. The children explored the emotions and experiences of leaving home and having to line up whilst waiting to go to a new home. They worked hard to include descriptive language and thoughtful ideas to help bring their writing to life.

In Science, we have been learning about the lifecycle of a dandelion. The children used scientific vocabulary, such as pollination, to describe the different stages of the plant's lifecycle and explain the important role bees play in this process.

Finally, as part of our Courageous Advocacy unit, we visited Bridge End Gardens to learn about how plants grow and how we can help them thrive in different conditions. During our visit, the children also volunteered to help tidy and weed flowerbeds to support the processes of plant growth. I was incredibly proud of the children and their excellent application and enthusiasm throughout the morning.

A special mention must also go to Mrs Grant, who very kindly helped and supported us throughout the visit.

Have a great half-term,

Mr Brown and the Year 2 team.





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

What a busy and exciting week to end our half term!

In English, the children wrote some wonderful poems inspired by Kit Wright's *The Magic Box*, showing great creativity and imagination. In Maths, we continued our unit on time, focusing on working out duration. The class also finished their Stone Age-inspired clay jewellery, which they were very proud of and completed our RE unit on Pentecost, which they thoroughly enjoyed. We also had a great gymnastics lesson where we worked on jumps and landings!

We were also lucky enough to welcome some special visitors into school this week. First, JFAN Performing Arts delivered a fantastic production of *My Teacher is a Troll*, which the children absolutely loved. We then had a visit from Gladiator Steel - a real highlight of the week!

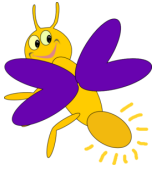
To top it all off, we ended the week with our Grow 15 celebration - what a way to finish!

The children are definitely ready for a well-deserved rest and reset. Thank you for all your support this half term. We look forward to seeing you after the break for our final half term in Year 3 where we have our class trip to Hatfield Forest to look forward to!

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A lovely week this week in Fireflies!

The children have been continuing to work hard at practicing their times tables and have made me really proud with their continued effort and perseverance. The multiplication check will take place in the first week following the half term break, so if possible, please do try to make sure to recap these over the break for consistency.

In **English**, we have concluded our Rainforest topic by creating informative non-chronological reports, to advise zoo visitors of the threats the Rainforest faces. The class have worked really hard to plan, draft and finalise their pieces, with a specific focus on expanding their vocabulary.

In **Maths**, we have continued to focus on area and perimeter, working hard to calculate missing lengths. Mathematical discussion and reasoning has been a focal point of lessons recently and I have been so impressed by how the children have improved their reasoning and discussion skills through paired and class talk. I love hearing their responses and how they support each other to find answers.

In **Art**, the class have worked really hard to reflect on the skills they have developed over the past few weeks and bring these together for their final pieces. I have been particularly impressed by their line work and how they have incorporated shape and colour to portray emotion; a real credit to Kandinsky!

Wishing you a restful half term,

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 5!

We recently completed our Mental Health Workshops, which the children found both engaging and extremely useful. The sessions encouraged thoughtful discussions and gave pupils valuable strategies to support their wellbeing.

The children also enjoyed a special visit from students at Joyce Franklin Academy, who performed a fantastic play called *My Teacher Is a Troll*. The performance was entertaining and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

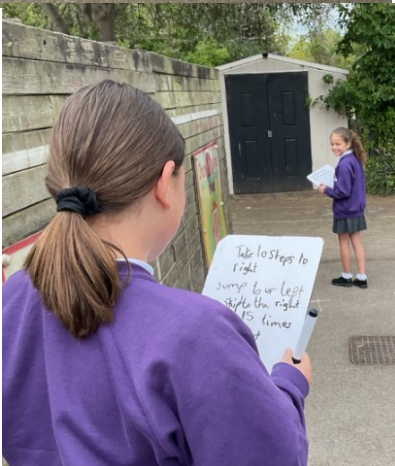
Another highlight was an amazing visit by Steel from Gladiators. The children absolutely loved having him here and were inspired by his visit.

In Maths, we took our learning outdoors to practise turns, degrees, and points of the compass through practical activities. The children enjoyed applying their knowledge in an active and engaging way.

In English, we completed our persuasive writing pieces and the children worked incredibly hard to use persuasive techniques effectively in their final writing.

In Art, we have started creating our water sculptures using clay. The pupils have shown great creativity and enthusiasm, and we are looking forward to seeing the finished pieces.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's been nice to dive back into some more creative lessons this week after all the SATs preparation!

In English, the children have been stretching their imaginations again by writing formal non-chronological reports about mythical creatures and retelling the Saga of Biorn, a very unlucky Viking indeed. It took a little while to get back into the swing of creative writing after so much revision, but it didn't take long before the brilliant ideas started flowing again.

In History, we completed our timelines covering the events from Hitler taking power up to the beginning of the Blitz. We then moved on to learning about the Battle of Britain and how the RAF used radar and Spitfires to defend the country against the Luftwaffe. The children took control of the RAF planes in a game to stop the Luftwaffe! We also explored the different ways people in London tried to keep themselves and their children safe during air raids. Can your child remember any of the methods used?

Art has involved lots of drawing this week. The children first used structure and shapes to draw a cat, before moving on to single-point perspective drawings. They've really enjoyed learning these more technical drawing skills, and it's been lovely to see the pride they've taken in their finished pieces.

We also had a very special visitor this week: Steel from Gladiators! He came in to talk to the children about fitness, resilience and believing in yourself. He was very impressed with how many burpees and push-ups the Year 6s could manage, although we sadly couldn't quite match his numbers... apparently he can do 133 push-ups in one go! He even helped Mr Clarke attempt a handstand. (Just in case you get confused, if you look carefully at the photo, the Gladiator is the one on the left.)

Have a fantastic half term!

Mr Clarke

