

Class Updates - 05.06.2026



Reception Butterflies update

Welcome back to Summer 2! We hope you had a restful half term. The children have been excited to be back at school and tell us all about their week off.

This term our topic is 'We do like to be beside the seaside!' and we are learning all about the seaside and oceans.

We have been reading 'What the Ladybird heard...at the seaside' and writing about it in Drawing Club sessions.

Our Maths focus this week is 2D shapes and we have been looking at how to select, rotate and manipulate shapes.

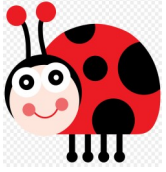
In RE, we are learning about stories with a moral and we read and acted out the Aesop fable 'the boy who cried wolf' and the importance of truthfulness.

We have enjoyed painting beach scenes with different materials as a background for our art work.

We enjoyed a fun filled active afternoon on the meadow for the multiskills sports afternoon with our year 6 buddies.



Miss Nicholson and the Reception team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a busy first week back for our final half term together!

English: We have been working incredibly hard preparing for our phonics screening check next week. Everyone has made immense progress with their reading this year and should be very proud of themselves!



DT: This half term we will be using clay to make monster plant pots. This week we looked at current designs and discussed what we like and dislike about them, generating ideas for designing our own next week.

PE: Sports day practice has begun, this week we had fun balancing. We used the egg and spoons and raced one another. We also had a go at balancing a bean bag on our head whilst moving.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in Year 2, the children have continued to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude towards their learning.

In Maths, we have been learning about the properties of shape. The children have explored different 2D and 3D shapes, identifying and describing their vertices and sides. They have also investigated lines of symmetry, using mirrors and practical activities to help them recognise symmetrical shapes. We have been impressed with the children's growing confidence in using mathematical vocabulary to explain their thinking.

In English, the children have been developing their writing skills by learning how to use expanded noun phrases and write in the present tense. They were challenged to take some very boring sentences and make them more interesting by adding extra detail and description. The improvements in their writing were fantastic, and it was wonderful to see the children enthusiastically sharing their expanded sentences. Well done, Year 2!

In RE, the children have been learning about different religions and their beliefs about God. As part of this learning, we also explored Humanism and discussed the different ways people understand the world around them. The children engaged with these lessons respectfully, listened carefully to one another's ideas and asked some brilliant questions that helped deepen our discussions.

This week also saw the children take part in a KS1 and Year 3 Multi-Skills Event. It was amazing to see every child giving each activity a go, showing determination and encouraging their peers. The children represented the school brilliantly and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done, Year 2, on your fantastic attitude and effort!

We are very proud of all the hard work the children have put into their learning this week.

Mr Brown and the Year 2 team.





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

What a busy and productive first week back it has been in Year 3!

In Maths, we have successfully finished our unit on time. The children have worked incredibly hard and made great progress. Please continue to support them at home by encouraging them to read the time on a variety of clocks whenever possible. In English, we have been developing our grammar skills and exploring different sentence structures.

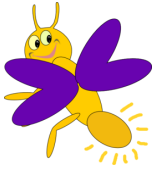
Our Science lessons saw us investigating the permeability of different types of soil. The children enjoyed carrying out practical investigations and discussing their findings. In RE, we began our new unit centred around the big question: "What difference does being a Muslim make to daily life?" We started by exploring the idea of "the journey of life", reflecting on milestones we have already reached and considering those we hope to achieve in the future. We also had fun creating our own personal mottos!

This week has also been exciting with the Children's Parliament elections taking place. Well done to all of the children who put themselves forward—you should be very proud of yourselves for showing such confidence and enthusiasm. We were also fortunate to take part in an inspiring art workshop led by a local artist. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced some fantastic work.

It has been a wonderful first week back, and we are very proud of all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes. Have a lovely weekend, and don't forget that our school trip is on Tuesday. We are looking forward to an exciting day!

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A lovely first week back down in Year 4!

It was lovely to see the children again and I hope you all had a restful half term.

In **Science**, we began our materials topic by recapping previous learning from other years. The children spent time outside finding materials with different properties such as waterproof and opaque and it was great to see their teamwork skills as they raced against time!

The class took part in the Year 4 **multiplication tables check** this week and it was not only wonderful to see how hard they have worked to prepare and practice, but also the pride the children took in their own efforts and their recognition of their perseverance. I am very proud of them all.

In **PSHCE**, we looked at emotions as part of our RSE topic. The children worked hard to label their different emotions and we then discussed how hormone changes can impact our feelings. The children thought hard about what compromise means and topics which may require compromise between themselves and their adults at home as they grow. In pairs, the children then acted as the adults to find compromises, with a very strong-willed teenage Mrs Tagg! It was great to see their empathy and ideas for compromise and they all showed great thought about how these scenarios can be tricky for their adults, too.

In **Maths**, we have begun our money topic and looked at converting between pounds and pence, as well as different ways to represent specific amounts. As always, their effort and perseverance in Maths makes me very proud!

Well done this week, Fireflies.

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

This week in Maths, we have been learning about both 2D and 3D shapes, identifying and describing their vertices, edges and faces. We then moved on to exploring angles, learning to recognise whether they are right angles, acute angles or obtuse angles.

In English, we started our new unit on information texts with a focus on the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. We explored examples of his artwork, discussed our opinions, and shared our ideas about the colours, symbols and themes we could see. We also enjoyed reading and writing poems inspired by Maya Angelou's 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me', thinking carefully about the language and imagery she used.

In Science, we learned about the human life cycle and discussed the different stages of growth and development from birth through to adulthood in preparation for starting our Relationships & Sex Education unit.

In RE, we began our Anti-Racism unit by exploring the "Golden Rule" – treating others as we would like to be treated. We discussed what this means in our daily lives and how it can help us build positive and respectful relationships with others.

We have also been busy practising our song and dance performance ready for our exciting Children's Parliament visit on Friday. The children have shown great enthusiasm and are looking forward to this special opportunity.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's been another busy week in Year 6!

In English, we read some of Roald Dahl's *Revolting Rhymes* and explored how he used metre and rhyming couplets to create his poems. The children then had a go at writing their own revolting version of Hansel and Gretel. I was seriously impressed with how well they managed to tell the story while keeping the rhythm! Can your child remember what metre is and why it's important?

In Maths, we travelled back to World War II and learnt about the codebreakers at Bletchley Park. We learnt about how the codebreakers shortened the war from between two to four years, and that some of them even knew the war would be over days before everyone else (though they weren't allowed to tell anyone!). Then, the children then put their own detective skills to the test, attempting to crack a series of coded messages from Mr Clarke, which included a secret about the best cake in the world.

In DT, we took our first steps towards making our catapults. The children learnt how to safely use saws and sandpaper, showing great care and concentration. We did run into a small problem with some rather temperamental glue guns, but we persevered and made good progress nonetheless!

In PE, Year 6 stepped into the role of teachers. After learning how to run a variety of sporting activities, they were responsible for leading them for the younger children across the school. They did a fantastic job explaining the rules, encouraging participation and helping everyone have fun. Quite a few commented afterwards that they now have a new appreciation for just how much work goes into being a teacher!

In Art, we were lucky enough to take part in a workshop led by a professional artist. The children created collages based on all the things they would like to do during the summer holidays. It was lovely to see their personalities shining through, and there were certainly some ambitious holiday plans on display!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mr Clarke

