

# Class Updates - 19.11.2021



Another very busy week for Butterflies!

The children have learnt all about **kindness** and why we should be kind to others during this week's

Anti-Bullying week. We read the **Kind** book by Alison Green and Axel Scheffler and the children came up with some great ideas about how they can be kind to each other and what to do if someone is not kind to them.

The children had a super time at **Forest school** playing in all the leaves, and continue to find out and explore the natural environment...



In **Art and Maths** we have been looking at art created out of shapes and learnt about **Wassily Kandinsky** and his circle and triangle pictures. The children then had a go at creating their own circles in squares paintings.



This week we were very fortunate to join a **live session** about rhymes with the celebrated poet and author **Michael Rosen**—the children joined in with some of his rhymes with actions. Michael really inspired us to create our own rhymes too!

Well done everyone for another super week!

Have a relaxing weekend.

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team**



## Ladybirds

### Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week in Ladybirds we enjoyed a shopping trip to Waitrose! As part of our 'Me and My Town' topic, the children planned their route to Waitrose and also wrote a shopping list.

They then used these ingredients later in the week to create lots of delicious treats! In English, they wrote a recount of their shopping trip using time connectives. In maths, we have continued to look at subtraction and introduced new vocabulary such as, 'finding the difference' between two numbers. As part of anti-bullying week, the children have been doing lots of activities and talking including creating class hearts to promote kindness to each other as well as discussing times when they have been shown kindness and how it made them feel.

#### *Miss Nicholson and Mrs Potter*



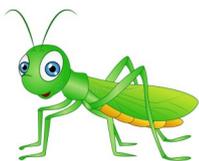
### Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in maths, we have been learning how to solve given calculations using our place value and partitioning. We have also been learning our 2 times tables and recapping our 5x and 10x tables. Some children have even moved onto their 3x and 4x. For Anti—Bullying week, the children thought about kindness and who they felt had been kind to them in our class and shared this with them. We then created 'odd socks' to celebrate the importance of individuality and differences. On Friday, each class is joining their colour group for a friendship afternoon celebrating the importance of everyone in our school. In geography we looked at different weather types and discussed which ones we might experience here in our country and which would be found mostly in other countries across the world. In science, we learnt the life-cycle of a sunflower using key scientific vocabulary such as germinate, seedling and flower. We have some growth in our plant experiment, noticeably in the seed planted in soil and surprisingly one of the seeds planted in cotton wool. We will continue to monitor and discuss our findings each week for the rest of this half term. In design and technology, we created 4 different design ideas for our puppet. Next week we will be choosing our final design and starting to think about how we might make it. On Thursday, we had a Zoom workshop with the amazing Michael Rosen. He shared poems, making them interactive, so the children could join in with him. It was great fun and the children loved it! **Mr Pike**

***New spellings will be in your child's reading record, please continue to help them practise each day.***



## Year 3 Update



In maths this week, Year 3 have been working hard at using formal written methods to multiply and divide larger numbers. They have been using grid method to multiply and bus stop method to divide.

In English this week, the children have been working hard on finalising and editing their persuasive letters to Mrs McInnes. They have worked really hard on their spelling, punctuation and presentation of their letters. Fingers crossed all their hard work pays off and we can convince Mrs McInnes that we definitely deserve a Forest School as our reward this half term!

We were very lucky to have a video call with the famous author and poet Micheal Rosen on Thursday this week. He shared some of his poetry with the children and had them joining in with the action and words. He also answered the children's questions about his writing.

We have had several PSHCE lessons this week to focus on anti-bullying week, for which the theme is 'One Kind Word' this week. We have discussed the importance of empathy and how we can help those around us who are being bullied. **Miss Allin**





Fireflies,

## Year 4 Update

Well done on an excellent week!

This week we have continued to focus on our four operation questions in maths. We started to week by mixing between addition and subtraction and then used our times table knowledge to solve multiplication questions.

In our English lessons, the children have been looking at diary entries. We have started to write our diary entry from the perspective of a soldier who is going into battle during the Trojan war. The children have done a fantastic job writing their first section of the entry, as writing a diary is very tricky!

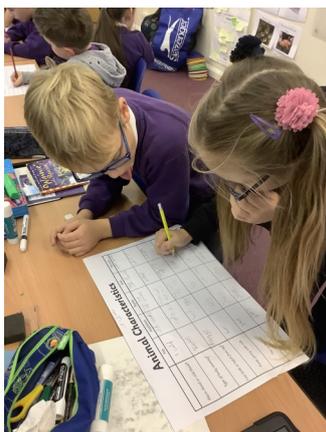
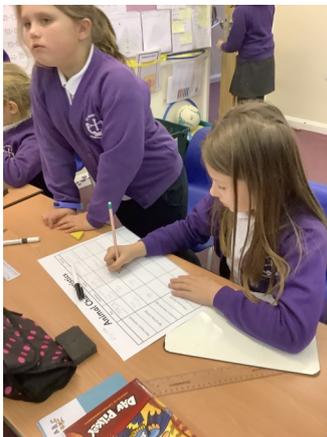
In our PSHCE lessons this week, we also learned the different types of bullying for anti-bullying week. I was impressed with the children's maturity and knowledge of the different kinds of bullying and what they might look like.

Finally, it was a privilege to have a session with the author, Michael Rosen, this week. The children loved his re-telling of his poems and stories, and it was a delightful session.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown**





## Year 5 Busy Bees Update

This week, our Bees have had plenty of physical challenges including the dodgeball tournament at the Lord Butler on Wednesday. The children had a fantastic time, won plenty of their matches and really impressed the adults with their honesty and impeccable behaviour. We have also been practising our tennis ball challenge for USSP, we'll take final results next week so please practise at home if you have a chance—throw the tennis ball against a wall with one hand and catch it with the other. On Thursday we were lucky enough to watch a live session with Michael Rosen who read one of our favourite poems, *Chocolate Cake!* We loved hearing how he brought his work to life and used his ideas to write our own monstrous poems! Swimming sessions are going exceptionally well and the children are making huge progress. We have lots of children who have gone from non swimmers to little fish—brilliant work, Year 5. **Mrs McInnes & Mrs Robinson**



## Year 6 Update

This week, Dragonflies packed in a whole host of different activities into the five days given to us! We started off the week looking at how Charles Darwin came up with the theory of evolution—the class used different items to represent different beaks for the finches Darwin saw in the Galápagos Islands. The children visited some 'islands', all of which had different foods on them. We realised that certain beaks would be better suited for specific islands, and would be more likely to survive and have chicks! This was Darwin's 'Survival of the fittest'.



We also phoned into a Zoom session with Michael Rosen, the children's author and ex-children's laureate. He talked about writing, imagination and read some of his poems, which the children really enjoyed.

The children also took part in Children in Need and activities centred around friendship for Anti-Bullying week; it was great to see how well Dragonflies interacted and looked after the younger students.

In DT, we began working towards making a small pop-up book—creating pull-strips and using V-folds or acute-folds to create a pop-up! It's hard going and very tricky stuff but the Dragonflies are doing well on building their resilience!

And amongst all this, the class still managed to squeeze in a tag-rugby tournament—pewh!

**Mr Clarke**

