

Class Updates - 12.11.2021



Reception Class Butterflies Update

Another very busy week for Butterflies! This week's highlights included:

Year 6 buddies coming to read with their buddies. This was great experience for the Year 6 children to instill a love of reading for the Reception children. Butterflies cannot wait to story tell and read to their Buddies next time!



In **Phonics**, the children have learnt the sounds 'e' 'u' 'r' 'h' and have been learning to segment and blend CVC words orally and then having a go at writing the sounds to make a CVC word or writing just the initial sound. The children are also making progress reading their tricky 'sight' words. **Thank you for supporting your child at home. Reading at least 3 times a week makes a great difference.**

Using **Barefoot computing** resources we began looking at shapes in greater detail. My special shape friend '**Mr Rectangle**' joined us and the children looked for him around the class and then in different images of houses. The children searched also for circles, triangles and squares. They could try this at home too.

Butterflies have learnt about **Remembrance day** and why we wear poppies. The children made some wonderful poppy crafts, attended their first Remembrance Collective Worship and then observed the 2 minute silence in class.



Have a great weekend.

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team

The children's Poppy sponge paintings made into a wreath



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds - This week in Ladybirds we have been subtracting numbers and solving problems in maths. In English we have started a new unit on writing recounts. We have been practising finding the rhythm and pulse in music and in Topic, we used a map to plan our walking route to Waitrose next week! We loved showing and talking about our special gifts in RE. In Science, we have been investigating the properties of materials and in Art we have been using collage skills to make fruit baskets. It was a lovely end to the week getting snuggly in our pyjamas and enjoying reading together.



Miss Nicholson and Mrs Potter



Year 2 Caterpillars

This week in maths, we have moved onto addition and subtraction. We have been learning how to solve given calculations using an empty number-line. We have also been revisiting our number bonds to 20 to keep them fresh in our heads. In writing, we have continued our adventure story unit. We wrote our opening paragraph using our poster designs to imagine a different world we can visit. Next week we will be looking at what happens when our main character goes into the poster. For Remembrance Day we made poppies and discussed why we wear poppies at this time of year. On Thursday we took our poppies into our remembrance service lead by the church and remembered all those who have died in war. In geography we are looking at the seasons. This week we learnt what months are in each season and discussed the types of weather we might see as the seasons change. In science we set up our plant growing experiment. The children got into groups and had a seed to grow in different substances—soil, sand, stones and cotton wool. We made predictions about what we think will happen and set them up on the window sill. We will monitor and record our findings each week for the rest of this half term. In design and technology we researched different puppets and decided on our favourite style. Next we created four initial design ideas and shared them with our peers.

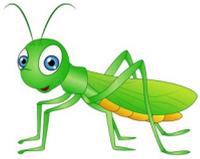
Caterpillars beat their marbles record last week, earning 6 in one week! Amazing job.

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

Mr Pike



Year 3 Update



In maths this week, Year 3 have started their multiplication and division unit. We looked at multiplying 1-digit numbers by multiples of ten and have started to practise using grid method to solve 2-digit by 1-digit multiplication problems. Keep practising those times tables at home to help with this! In English, we have started to plan persuasive letters to Mrs McInnes. The children have decided that they would like a Forest School morning as their treat half term if they collect enough marbles, so they are working hard on their letters to convince Mrs McInnes to lead a session for them!

Year 3 listened carefully and respectfully when learning about Remembrance Day and why we observe a 2 minutes silence and wear our poppies each year. They also created some beautiful water colour and tissue paper pictures to share in our Remembrance Collective Worship.

In PE, we have carried on practising our balancing skills as part of our gymnastics unit. This week, we looked at using asymmetrical balances and how we could move around in an asymmetrical way.

We had a brilliant time on Friday dressing up in our cosy pyjamas and onesies to help raise money for the PTA with our readathon!

Miss Allin





Year 4 Update

Fireflies, Well done on an excellent week!

This week we have focused on our four operation questions in maths. I was very impressed with how the children coped with changing between addition and subtraction and solved these questions.

In our English lessons, the children have been looking at diary entries. We have looked at various types of diaries and what the purpose of a diary is. Towards the end of this week, we have planned our work, ready to write it next week!

This week, we have also looked at Remembrance Day and why it is important. We have completed several different activities, and the children then made their poppies. I was very impressed with how the children created each poppy as a mark of respect for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The poppies that we made are even on display at school- please see the pictures below!

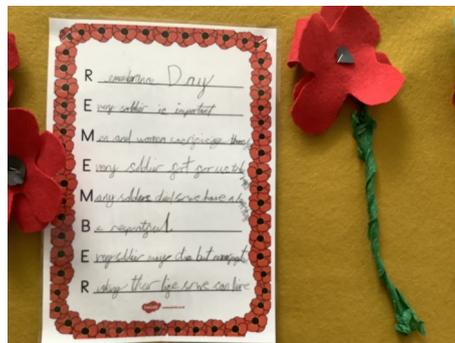
The children also enjoyed the readathon which took place today. It was lovely to see the children being so enthusiastic about reading in the 'cozy area' set up in the hall. Thank you for the contributions made towards this event.

Finally, in our PSHE lessons, we have continued to look at resilience, and we created a 'toolkit' for the children to apply when they are finding things difficult.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown





Year 5 Busy Bees Update

Our wonderful Bees have had another busy week. They made a fantastic start in maths on fractions—looking at writing them as improper fractions and mixed numbers. The road safety sessions were interesting and enjoyable—why not get them to show you what they have learnt when you are next out and about? As part of Remembrance Day they made some wonderful acrostic poems adorned with finger painted poppies. Orgie enjoyed meeting his friends on Friday's readathon! Remember to complete your spelling activity and keep practising tying those shoe laces.

Mrs McInnes & Mrs Robinson



Year 6 Update

This week has been filled with activity for the Dragonflies! They kicked off our new topic, Medicine Through Time, with looking the limited information we have about prehistoric medicine. The children considered how much things have changed and tried to grasp the sheer scale of time we're dealing with when we think back to the Stone Age. The Dragonflies tribe looked at healing upset stomachs and broken limbs, and also conducted trepanning to help one of our tribe members that was suffering from headaches!

Year 6 also visited their buddies to do some reading with them—they did extremely well and were fantastic with the little ones!

For Remembrance day, Dragonflies made poppies with origami and created a collage around the silhouette of a soldier (apparently these origami poppies were much easier than the lanterns from the previous week!). Finally, the Dragonflies began their DT unit by exploring the use of pull-tabs; we'll be working towards creating our own popup books by the end of the unit!

Mr Clarke

