

Class Updates - 06.05.2022



Butterflies have had another super week!

The children have been learning about **growing vegetables and fruit** and that they are so important in our diets and help us to **stay healthy and grow**.

The children had to decide **which foods are healthy and unhealthy** and **created their own healthy meal and a healthy lunchbox**.



The children really enjoyed making their own **fruit salads, fruit kebabs and fruit smoothies**.

We have read stories including *Grown Your Own*, *Oliver's Fruit Salad* and the factual books *Where Does Food Come From* and *How did that get in my lunchbox?*

The children wrote a list of food in the story.

In maths we made a graph of our favourite fruit.

At Forest School the children started looking out for life cycles of birds and were delighted to find feathers and egg shell showing that a nest was nearby!



Have a super weekend everyone!

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team

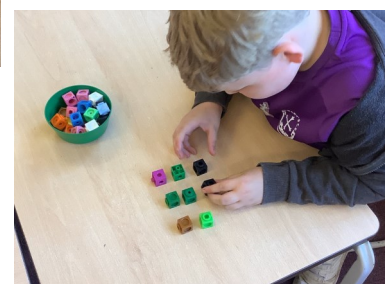
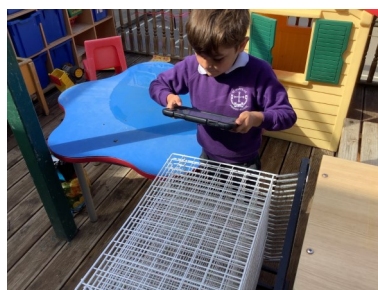


Ladybirds

Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Another learning filled week in Ladybirds! In English we have been following Sunny the meerkat on his travels and this week he has been to Italy! The children all investigated what life is like in Italy and wrote postcards home from Sunny. In Maths we have been working on 2s, 5s and 10s and doubling. We have also started looking at 'arrays' and went on a hunt around the classroom and the playground, looking for where we can find arrays in everyday life. In our topic lessons we have been looking at what an explorer needs to take with them and where they might go on their adventures. In Science, we have continued learning about plants, looking at wild flowers and using keys to identify them.

Miss Nicholson & Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week we have been learning about non-chronological reports. The class have identified the key features in a range of reports as well as re-searching their own animal to base their report on using the iPads. In maths we have been reading a range of different scales looking at both weight and capacity and using grams, kilograms, litres and millilitres. In science we are planning an experiment to test the best materials to protect an egg dropped from 1m and 2m. The children had to choose their materials carefully and think about the properties these materials have and why they are suitable for this experiment. In art we are looking at water, with a focus on shape, colour and pattern. We started by overlapping circular shapes to create a wave like pattern; we then used a range of colours to colour each individual section. In R.E we are looking at where we belong and why we feel belonging in certain places. This week we focused on how Muslims feel belonging when visiting a mosque. In Forest School, the children were climbing, laying in a hammock, digging holes and creating obstacle courses.

Mr Pike & Year 2 Team





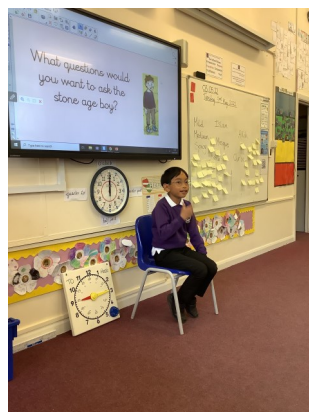
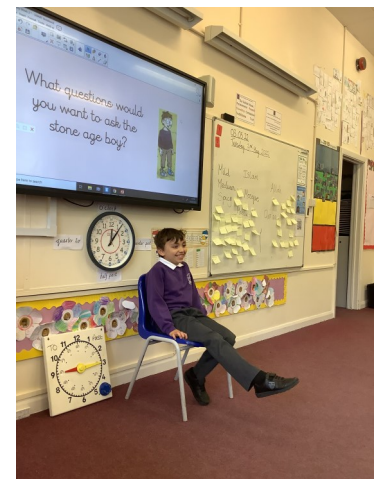
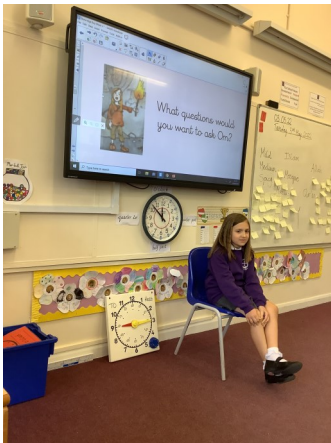
Year 3 Update

Year 3 have been working hard to learn how to tell the time on an analogue and digital clock this week and have started to work on converting between the two. In English, they have started to plan their own versions of Stone Age Boy, thinking carefully about what the Stone Age was like and what the boy might have done when he woke up and found himself stuck in the Stone Age. Grasshoppers also did some fantastic hot seating where they pretended to be the main characters from our story. They thought carefully about what questions they might want to ask Om and the boy and answered very carefully, ensuring that they stayed in character.

In our topic lesson this week, we looked at how and why cave paintings were used. The class then designed and created their own cave paintings which included pictures of pre-historic animals using oil pastels.

In PE this week, the class have continued practising their cricket skills. Year 3 are working hard to improve the accuracy of their throwing and were doing a brilliant job of working as a team to field this week.

Miss Allin & Year 3 Team





Year 4 Update

Fireflies,

We have had another incredibly busy week- one of the busiest I can remember!

Firstly, we participated in a rapid-fire cricket challenge at Saffron Walden Cricket Club on Wednesday. The class were split into three different teams and competed against other schools, and one of our sides came second! The aim of the game was to try and outscore the other teams and use their batting, bowling and fielding skills to try and be quicker than their opponents. It was fantastic to see skills being used, such as teamwork, resilience and determination from everyone involved.

Secondly, on Wednesday afternoon, the children were introduced to a recorder player and learned many new things about music. They knew the notes on the recorder and how important timing is. The children enjoyed participating in the workshop by playing the recorders and singing.

Finally, we were fortunate to go to the Saffron Walden Library on Thursday. We really enjoyed going there, and I hope it encourages the children to use the town library more frequently. During their time at the Library, they participated in a workshop and learnt how to find books and use the books they find to gain new information.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown & Year 4 Team



Year 5 Update



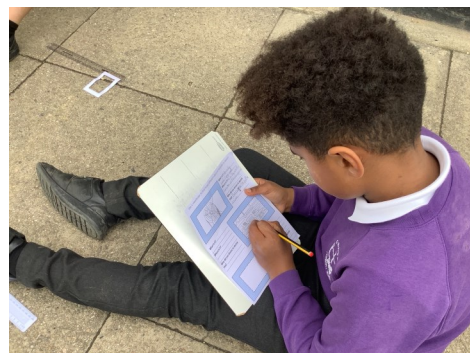
It's been a short but busy week in Year 5!

In English, we have written poems about exciting jobs using alliteration and have used brackets to provide more information about unlikely Superheroes. In our Maths learning, we've moved on from revising Roman Numerals to multiplication and division, and how to apply these skills to solve word problems.

We now have a good understanding of the difference between primary and secondary sources of historical evidence, and we had a great time using our observational drawing skills as we sketched patterns and textures on the playground using a viewfinder.

We can't wait for our residential next week! If you haven't already done so, please make sure you hand in the medical permission form if you'd like us to be able to administer medication to your child; this is in addition to the green general form that you have already completed. Thank you!

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Shackleton & Year 5 Team





Year 6 Update

The Dragonflies have done so well this week - they've been revising hard for their exams next week and have approached their work maturely and with fantastic effort! I've been particularly impressed with how they chose areas they felt less confident to practise; it's always a temptation to just go over what you know already, but the class were really brave and pushed themselves!

So, arrangements for SATs next week! We're inviting the children in at 08:00 for a breakfast, provided by the school, before their exams begin.

The tests will be as follows:

Monday - Spelling and Grammar

Tuesday- Reading Comprehension

Wednesday - Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1

Thursday - Maths Reasoning Paper 2

Can we please ask that all children get an early night over the weekend and also next week? It would ensure they are ready to show off all the hard work they've put into their English and Maths lessons this year!

Have a great weekend Dragonflies and make the most of no homework (though it might be good to do some light times tables practise too...)

Mr Clarke & the Year 6 Team

