

Class Updates - 29.04.2022



The children have really engaged with their learning this week with our focus on the traditional tale **Jack and the Beanstalk**. Our writing, reading, maths, art, PE, musical lessons have all been based around the story. The children enjoyed acting out the story on our 'stage' and then performing the song 'The Giants Chant'.



We welcomed two more children to our lovely class, the twins Gracie and Frankie, who have settled in so well to life at St Mary's already.

We have some exciting news. To support our **growth topic we have caterpillars and chicken eggs coming to class very soon!** We feel this will be an amazing opportunity to learn about life cycles close up!

We also have booked our class trip to Boydells farm in June. Further details to follow.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team



Ladybirds

Year 1 Ladybirds Update

A super busy week in Ladybirds this week! We have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s in Maths. In English, Sunny the Meerkat went missing so we have created posters to help find him! Some of Sunny's meerkat friends got in contact with Miss Nicholson and we found out that he has been to a farm and the beach. We kick started our new topic (Adventure into the Unknown) by finding an Explorer's backpack on the meadow full of exciting things! In Science we are looking after our sunflower seeds, watering them every day and learning more about what plants grow in the garden at this time of year. In Art, we are experimenting with creative ways to weave using different materials and in computing we are learning to programme Beebots. In PE we have been concentrating on ball skills and using bats.

Miss Nicholson & Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Mr Pike & Year 2 Team

On Monday, we had our school trip to Audley End Miniature Railway. We went on the coach which was very exciting for some of the class as they had never been on one before! When we arrived we checked in and waited for our train ride. We had the train to ourselves which was great. The children had a tick chart of things to try and spot including: a pheasant, muntjac, ducks, the river Cam, teddy bears and a range of stops on the journey. After our ride, the engineers spoke to use about the diesel and steam engines that run the train and showed us how they work. We then visited the Nature Corner where the children had to find out different facts about the nature found in the park. After lunch, the class enjoyed spending time on the adventure playground. I was so proud of how well-behaved the class were—a member of the public even came to speak to us about how supportive and respectful the class were; *“a credit to our school”*. This was so lovely to see and hear and I was a very proud teacher.





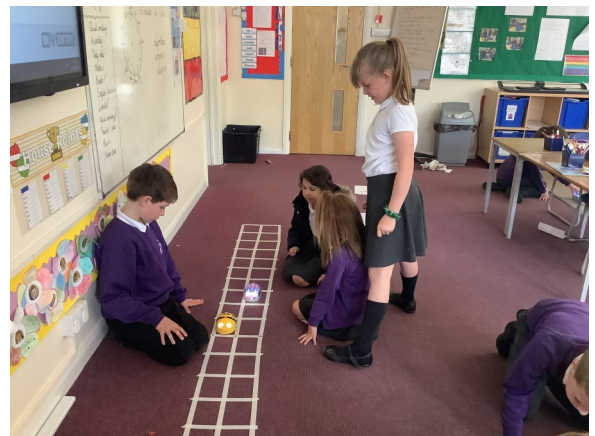
Year 3 Update

This week in class, we have been reading *Stone Age Boy*. Before knowing its name or reading it, the Grasshoppers used pictures and short phrases from the book to try and make predictions about what the story might be about and where and when it might be set. They have also been using their fantastic descriptive language to write a setting description based on one of the main scenes in the story. In maths this week, we have continued with practising telling the time and had a go at solving some time based word problems.

In computing on Monday, the Year 3s did a brilliant job of programming the Beebots with instructions. They mapped out the route that they wanted their Beebot to take before entering their programming and seeing whether they had managed to get it right.

In science this week, we have continued with our new 'Animals Including Humans' topic. We have been looking at what nutrients and food groups humans need to have a healthy, balanced diet and how this compares to other animals.

Miss Allin & Year 3 Team





Year 4 Update

Fireflies,

Another week has flown by! During this week, we have continued to look at rounding decimals and multiplying/dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. I have been impressed with the children's attitude towards learning these tricky topics.

In English, we have been focussing on all of the key features of a newspaper. We have mainly been concentrating on the 5ws (Who, what, when, where and why), and the children have been writing their introductory paragraphs to different scenarios that may be in a newspaper.

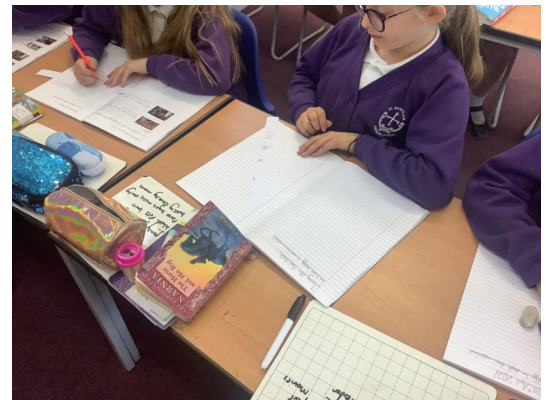
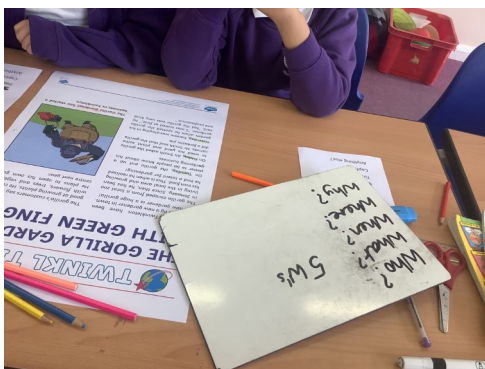
In RE, we have learned about Islam and what commitments people make when they follow the Religion. The children came up with some excellent answers and understood why the commitments were important.

Finally, in PSHE, we have been learning about rights. Once again, the children showed real maturity when approaching this topic and came up with the specific rights that apply to all children.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown & Year 4 Team



Year 5 Update



Our Busy Bees have been doing a great job looking after the worms for Science—this week we had a go at measuring them for the first time which was trickier than it sounds when they like to wriggle so much! Thanks to those people who have brought in some extra food for them which they have been enjoying.

In PE we started our tennis unit and the children showed how much they remembered about general ball skills, using the forehand and aiming for spaces to help win points.

We built on our first aid lessons from last term, this time looking at severe bleeding - Ollie and Daisy did a great job of acting out what you would do in that scenario!

In English we have been reading a poem called 'The You Can Be ABC' and used our dictionary skills to research different careers so we can begin to write our own performance poetry next week.

In History, we have reminded ourselves of the meaning of 'chronology' and created timelines of the significant moments in British History over the last two thousand years—it will be interesting to use these when we focus in on learning about our local history. We also created our own timeline in our classroom showing when each of us was born!



Mrs McInnes, Mrs Shackleton & Year 5 Team



Year 6 Update

The Dragonflies have been revising hard for their upcoming SATs this week—but they've managed to have some fun in the meantime too!

To make the SATs revision a bit less gruelling, the Year 6s have been going head-to-head in a Rock 'em, Sock 'em style battle where they have to defeat the opposite team to win prizes—ask your child to find out how their team has been getting on!

The class also had their first swimming session. There were quite a few nerves as we hadn't been since before lockdown, but everyone said afterwards that they really enjoyed it.

In other lessons, The Dragonflies learnt about the countries that made up the Axis and the Allies in WWII, locating each country on a map and colouring them in using a key. They also had their first rounders match in their rounders unit, and their throwing and catching practice from previous sessions really paid off! We had a visit from PC Braden too, where the children learnt how to keep themselves safe and out of trouble, both online and in town, now that they're becoming more independent and grown up.

Have a great bank-holiday weekend Dragonflies and we'll see you on Tuesday!

Mr Clarke & Year 6 Team

