

# Class Updates - 18.03.2022

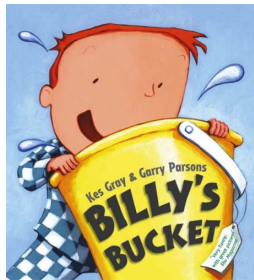


Phew, another very busy week for Butterflies.

As it is **British Science Week** the children have carried out some STEM experiments and investigations. See Tapestry for more information.



The children created posters for this year's Science Week topic 'Growth'. They chose which resources and art materials to use and either made posters of people or plants to show growth.



We read the fantastic book **Billy's' Bucket**. The children, like Billy, imagined what they could see in their own bucket, drew a picture and either wrote or told us what they could see. The children had some amazing ideas including mermaids, foxes, racoons, coral, cars rainbows and even me!

The children loved going back to Tinies at St Mary's church this week too, and listened to the story about Jesus and Zacchaeus. Butterflies enthusiastically joined in with the songs and the many actions.

We are always very proud of your excellent behaviour when we visit St Mary's church.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team

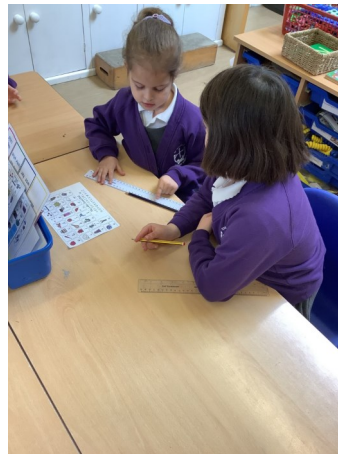




## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week in Ladybirds we have been very busy! We have started a new book in English about Sir Charlie Stinky Socks—the bold and brave knight. We have enjoyed listening to and acting out the story. In maths, we have continued our unit on measure and have been using rulers and cm to measure objects. We had a very exciting zoom session with Dermot O’Leary where he talked about his books—Toto the Ninja Cat. We then had a go at drawing Toto! They've been working hard on their forest school pendants - decorating them and drilling holes through them using the hand drill. It’s also British Science Week, so we have been enjoying some practical Science activities in the classroom AND we have been practising our dance routine in preparation for the Dance Festival next week.

**Miss Nicholson & Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team**



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

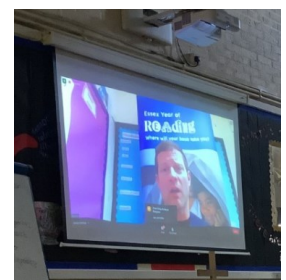
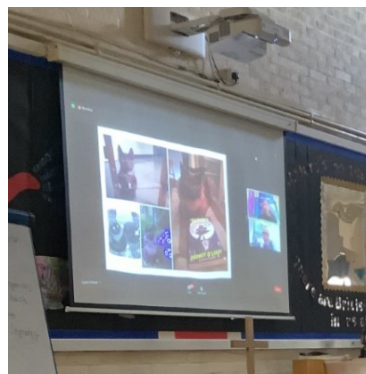


In English this week we have been continuing our unit on familiar settings.

We read an extract from *The Hodgeheg* where the hedgehog describes the cars rushing past as noisy monsters as he doesn't know what they are. Using this we worked in pairs to describe well-known objects using techniques like giving them human qualities. It was a very tricky task but the children amazed me with how clever their descriptions were. In maths, we have started our measurements unit. We looked at things that are more and less than a metre, use non-standard units (cubes) to measure and then finally used rulers to measure accurately to the nearest cm. On Tuesday afternoon, we had a live webinar for Essex Year of Reading with Dermot O'Leary. He discussed how he became a children's author and shared extracts from his new book about his ninja cat To-to. It even included an illustration lesson where the children drew their own version of To-to. As it is science week, we did an experiment to test the properties of different materials to build small houses. The groups were given: plastic cubes, cardboard, paper and sticks and had to build 4 houses. We then discussed which material was the best and what properties made it the best for building with.

For the last few weeks, the class have been researching and designing their own trains. Over the next 2 weeks they are going to start making models of their designs. If you have any small cardboard boxes or tubes, plastic bottles, bottle lids or anything else suitable for junk modelling then please send them in with your child so we can use them when we start making our models. Thank you!

**Mr Pike & Year 2 Team**





## Year 3 Update

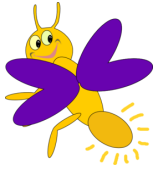
Year 3 have worked incredibly hard during our assessment week and have done a fantastic job! They should be extremely proud of the resilience and hard work that they have put in. In English this week, we have continued to write our biographies about Mary Anning. The class have been working hard at varying their sentence openers to try and make their writing more exciting.

On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed a zoom call with Dermot O'Leary where he talked about his new book and the importance of reading. The children also followed a step by step video where they drew their very own Ninja Cat!

We talked about First Aid in our PSHCE lesson this week and about what to do in different emergency scenarios. The children all did a great job of putting each other into the recovery position!

### Miss Allin & Year 3 Team





Fireflies,

## Year 4 Update

This week was Science Week at school, and we completed an activity related to growth and development. Firstly, we discussed how growth and development are related to fitness and health. Then we spoke about the importance of exercise and creating our programmes. The children were then given a task to develop their fitness programme; however, they could not use any equipment- it had to be an outdoor-based programme thinking of creative ways to exercise. The children ran a few of their programmes with the rest of the class. I was so impressed with their ideas and creativity!

This week, we focused on asthma and learning about how it occurs during our PSHE lesson. We created our lungs to show how they work and how asthma can cause issues in our bodies. The children focussed and came up with some fantastic answers.

Finally, we enjoyed a virtual session with Dermot O'Leary, who talked about his new book and read extracts to the children.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown and the Year 4 team**



## Year 5 Update



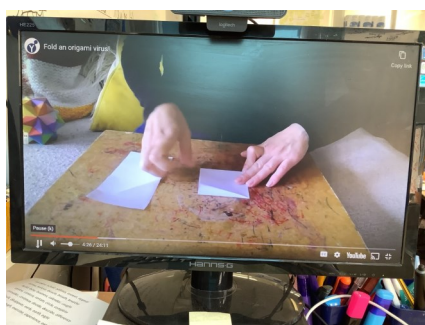
Our busy Bees have worked so incredibly hard this week—we are very proud of them and we're looking forward to our class treat at the end of next week (25th). Remember, the children should be dropped off at school at 5.30pm and picked up again at 8pm.

We have all (adults included!) learnt some new skills this week by challenging ourselves with some origami. As part of science week, focusing on growth, we learnt how to make origami viruses and antibodies which was actually remarkably hard. The children had to show real focus and perseverance to complete the task and we're still working on fitting the bits of virus together!

Mr Jarmain helped put them through their paces in PE as we prepare for the indoor athletics event next week—he was particularly impressed by their running skills and some showed real talent in the field events too. The children have worked very hard this half of term on a dance routine with Mr P using a circus theme. We hope to share the complete routine with you all via the school You Tube channel soon.

Some events are still run virtually and this week we enjoyed a session with Dermot O'Leary who talked about his new book and read extracts to the children. The highlight of the week had to be our Zoom with Mrs Robinson—she showed off her new hairdo to the children and they had a great chat together, sharing some of their recent experiences and work.

### Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland & Year 5 Team





## Year 6 Update

Year 6 have done really well during assessment week—they've given each test their best shot and have shown off everything they've been working so hard on this year!

The children also enjoyed taking a break from tests to carry out a science experiment, looking at whether body growth is a continuous process; they visited the other classes in the school (using their best manners for disturbing other lessons of course!) and took measurements of some of the children in each cohort. The children planned everything out and made their own decisions on how to record their data. Ask them what they found out!

In music, the class revisited reading musical notation, and used the glockenspiels to play music and create their own pieces! This artistic slant also carried into, well, Art! Where they launched into making their prints (which was very tough on everyone's fingers—removing the background relief was tough!). We'll be adding ink to them next week to create collages.

Year 6 had their vengeance on the King of Lies when they wrote some stories of their daring raid into the villain's secret hideout; they managed to get back all their belongings without him being any the wiser: well done Dragonflies!

### Mr Clarke & Year 6 Team

