

Class Updates - 11.03.2022



Another fun and busy week in Butterfly class.

The children enjoyed welcoming their parents to view their work in their books and work around class. Thank you to everyone who came.

This week we welcomed another boy, Oscar, to our class. Oscar has settled in amazingly. Well done Oscar you have already made friends and you are settling in to the routines at St Mary's school—Oscar loved his first ever Forest school session!

We are learning about different countries around the world including Brazil in **South America** this week when we read about **Tico Tango the parrot** and we learnt how to create different effects using chalks, pastels, paint and tissue paper to make parrot collages.

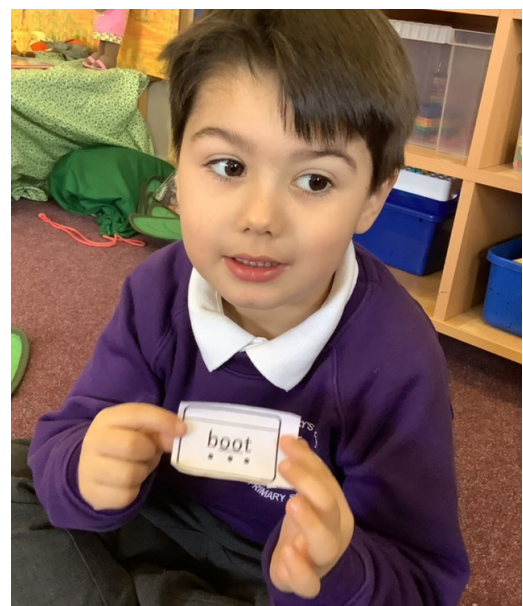
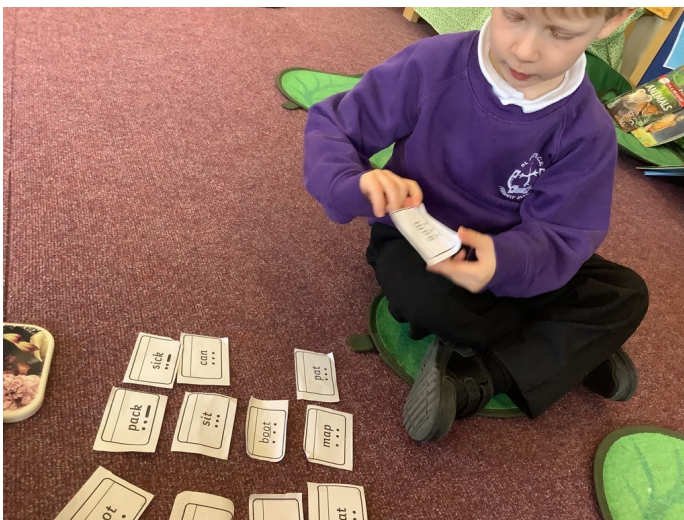
In RE we are also learning about **Religions Around the World** and this week the children found out about Islam and looked at different Islamic artefacts. The children thought about similarities and differences to other faiths we have looked at so far.

In Phonics, the children are currently learning the last few Phase 3 sounds and are looking for them in their reading books. This week we have concentrated on developing their segmenting and blending skills, sounding words out and then stringing them together. You could practice this at home too.

Well done everyone, have a super weekend and get ready for next week -

when we will be completing lots of fun scientific investigations during British Science Week!

Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team.





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week in English, we have been gathering ideas and writing a dragon factfile. We thought about what they look like, where they live and what they eat, as well as making up some interesting facts to fascinate our readers. We have been so impressed with how much the children wrote and all the amazing vocabulary they used!

In Maths, we have done lots of practical activities measuring heights and lengths with different non-standard units. We found out who is the shortest and tallest member of the class and measure the length of lots of objects using cubes.

In Science, we have continued to learn about the properties of everyday materials and tried to find the best material to make a wind proof house for the three little pigs to protect them from the Big Bad Wolf. We tried sticks, bricks, marshmallows and spaghetti, paper and sugar cubes!

Thank you to all the parents, grand parents and carers who came in to look at the children's books on Thursday. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to share their learning and hard work with you all!

Miss Nicholson & Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in English we have been describing different settings. We started with Mrs Cole's kitchen, then described somewhere familiar to us and finally we created our own settings and described them. I was amazed how far the children have come with their vocabulary choices and sentence structure. In maths we have been finding fractions of amounts: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

In music the children have been listening to different styles of music and discussing their likes and dislikes. They then used xylophones to follow musical notes. In history we are learning about railways and the development of trains. This week we looked at the 4 major steam trains and in groups the children created presentations sharing what they had learnt about the extraordinary trains. It was great to see so many parents on Thursday for the book look. I hope it helped you see how much progress the children have made since joining year 2. It was so lovely to see them sharing their work so happily and confidently. The class had lots of fun this week making forest school pendants, planting potatoes, climbing trees and making light shows through the tarpaulin in Forest School.

Mr Pike & Year 2 Team





Year 3 Update

This week in maths, we have carried on with our measurement unit of work in maths. We have been converting between different measurements, solving word problems which involving finding the perimeters of shapes and have started to have a look at money at the value of each coin.

In English, we have been looking at what a biography is and have started to research and plan our own biographies about Mary Anning. Ask the class what facts they can remember about her from their research.

We carried out an exciting chocolate based experiment in our science lesson this week! The children used chocolate to discover how each of the three rock types—igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic—are formed. The class were a little disappointed that they weren't actually allowed to eat the experiment!

Miss Allin & Year 3 Team





Fireflies,

Year 4 Update

This week we had our dance performance at SWCHS. The children put lots of effort into learning and practising the routine ready for the event. From start to finish, I was SO proud of every one of the children performing in front of that many people for the first time. They did not get the opportunity to rehearse at the Secondary School, so to perform like that was quite incredible. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were even asking if they could do it again next year! A massive well done to them all for their hard work and dedication.

I also just wanted to say a massive thank you to all of the parents/carers for your help getting the children to and from the performance.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown & Year 4 Team



Year 5 Update



Our Busy bees have been buzzing around this week! We had a fantastic time at the museum just across the road, completing a self-guided tour all about the Greek artefacts that can be found there but also learning plenty of other things along the way. The children were really inspired by all of the items that were on display and completed lots of sketches and gathered ideas for their DT project when they will be designing their own Greek pot. We had a look for our clay pipe but just missed it as they were putting it in the Object of the Month display cabinet that very afternoon. Please do go back to the museum any time you can—the children loved it and they can go for free.

The children have impressed us with their First Aid skills this week—they have now learnt how to complete a primary survey and also how to put someone in the recovery position. Get them to practise at home! Remember—DRSABC.

Topic work is going really well - they were learning all about the Peloponnesian Siege this week and pretending to be from Athens or Sparta in a battle that took place from 431 to 405 BC. We finished off our unit on Materials in science and look forward to getting stuck in to Science week next week with some more exciting experiments.

Lastly, a gentle reminder to keep reading every day at home and practising your times tables—it's great for you we promise!

Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland & Year 5 Team





Year 6 Update

Year 6 had a terrible ordeal occur in the early hours of the school day on Wednesday—a dastardly villain came in, wrecked their classroom and stole their water bottles, pencil cases and even their phones!

All that was left was a note, sellotaped to a cone standing in the classroom. The note had a riddle, which the children did extremely well to decipher—it told us to go to Mr Jarmain's office! There, we found another note...with yet another riddle!

The riddles sent us to the kitchen, the adventure playground and then to hunt for a small Merlin doll, where we found a USB stick attached to his hand. On the USB was a video titled 'Message for Dragonflies'. We watched the video and the King of Lies revealed himself; he demanded a ransom of one million pounds for our things back! We tried to combine the children's money, but unfortunately it didn't quite add up to enough. So instead, we first tried to open diplomatic relations with the King of Lies by writing him some formal letters, requesting the return of our goods.

Unfortunately, this didn't work (we received a second video from him in an email, which was really quite rude!) and so we were forced to write our own adventure stories, where we broke into the King of Lies' hideout to get our things back!

Mr Clarke & Year 6 Team

