

# Class Updates - 11.02.2022



## Reception - Butterflies Update

Butterflies really enjoyed virtually meeting **local librarian Ruth** at Saffron Walden Library, who told us all about joining the library and how you can borrow up to 14 books every 3 weeks!!! We are planning to visit the Library in person during the next half term before Easter. The children also really enjoyed the **Lego workshop** which took place earlier this week!

Next term the **Explorer Dome** will also be visiting and Reception children will be learning more about Space in the special Dome, it is an amazing experience!

**Children's Mental Health Week**—the children have taken part in a range of activities (see Tapestry) including rainbow and 5,4,3,2,1 relaxation techniques and mindfulness activities such as painting and creating swirls using different objects...

Our new Topic will be **Around the World** so if you have any details about the children or their relatives that originate or live in other countries, or who can speak different languages, then please do let me know on Tapestry so we can share this as a class. Thank You! Have a great half term break.



**Mrs Jewan and the Reception team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had a fantastic week in Ladybirds this week! After writing our instructions on how to make a gingerbread man, we followed the instructions to make our own! We really enjoyed baking and decorating them. Then they ran away!!! But luckily we cracked the clues in the treasure hunt they left us and tracked them down! We also enjoyed a STEM workshop and have been doing lots of activities for Children's Mental Health week, including making masks in Art, team building games in PE and lots of mindfulness and yoga. Well done for a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

**Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team**



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

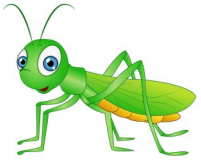


This week in English, we have been looking at time conjunctions, 'bossy' verbs and question writing all in preparation for writing our own 'How to...' instructions after half term. On Wednesday, we had a Lego STEM workshop using maths, science, engineering and technology to build bridges, cars and towers. It was great fun! In History, we learnt about Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space, and thought about what 'firsts' we would like to do in space! As it is Children's Mental Health week, we have been learning techniques to help us when we feel anxious or sad, these have included: drawing/colouring to feel calm, exercise and breathing techniques. In art, we created emotions art to represent different feelings we have.

*Mr Pike and the Year 2 team*



## Year 3 - Grasshoppers Update



Year 3 have been working hard in maths this week on our new topic, measurement. We have been looking at measuring carefully in mm and cm, working out the perimeter of shapes and converting between mm, cm and m.

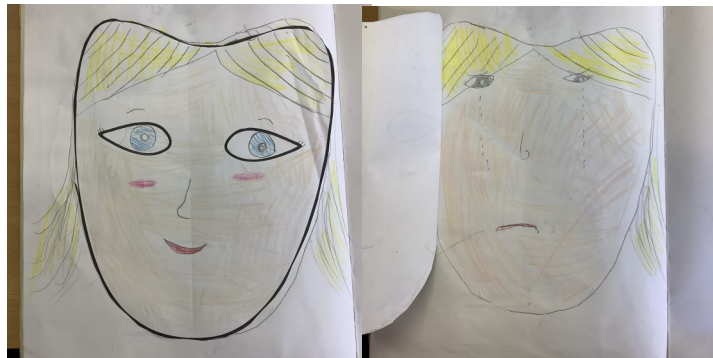
In English, the children have been looking at mythical creatures and using some fantastic descriptive language to describe these. They have also created their own mythical creatures, some of which are terrifying!

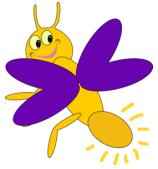
On Wednesday, we had a Lego STEM session where the class enjoyed creating Lego cars, Lego bridges which had to sustain 3kg of weight and seeing who could create the tallest tower.

For children's mental health week, we have been carrying out a variety of activities to help the class think about their emotions and how to look after their mental health. We practised breathing exercises, looked at how exercise can help our mental health and created artwork based around masking emotions.

We had a brilliant arts and crafts day on Friday to end the half term as our treat for having collected enough marbles. Well done for all your hard work this half term, Grasshoppers, especially with it having been such a strange one! Have a lovely, very well deserved half term break!

**Miss Allin and the Year 3 team**





## Year 4 Update - Dragonflies Update

Fireflies,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work this half term- I have been so impressed with your effort across the subjects.

This week we had a LEGO STEM session which the children enjoyed. They built different things such as a bridge, a car and a tower. Once they had done this, they tested what they had made and if we could improve it.

This week in English, we continued to complete our persuasive letters, and the children worked incredibly hard to edit and finish them. The children enjoyed writing in this style and using the persuasive techniques they had learnt.

Finally, we used the theme of 'Children's mental health week' to cover a wide range of activities. We completed art-based activities on emotions, focussing on what emotions we might feel and what we might hide. We have also completed mindfulness activities focusing on meditation and breathing. In our last session, we completed a toolbox to help us have strategies to use in certain situations.

Have a great half-term!

**Mr Brown and the Year 4 team**



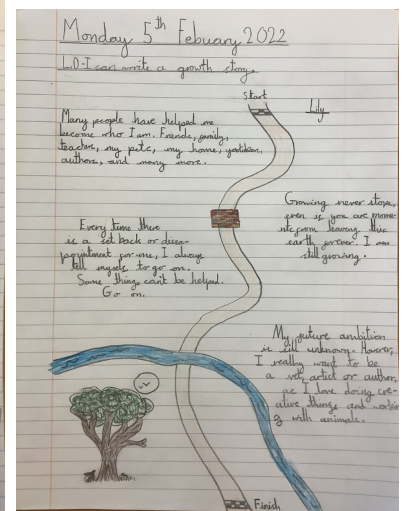
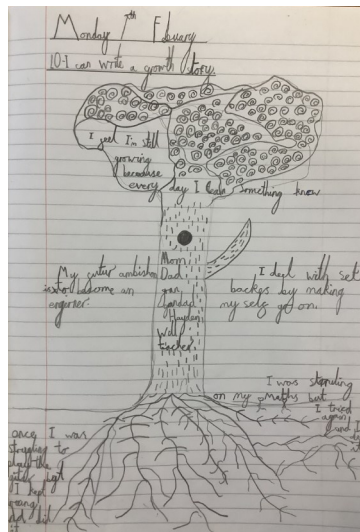
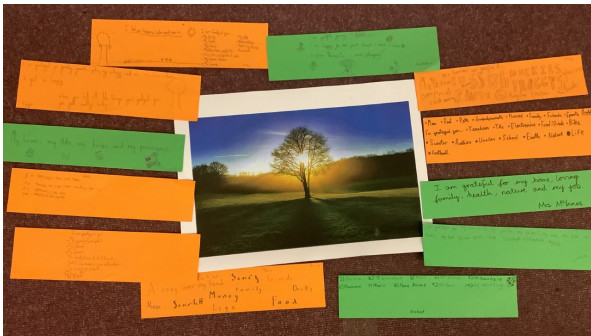


## Year 5 Busy Bees Update

The highlight of our week has definitely been seeing Mrs Robinson. The children absolutely loved seeing her again and whilst we couldn't get close to her, we had lots of giggles in the sunshine, enjoyed sharing our wonderful travel writing pieces and asked her some questions about her upcoming treatments. Mrs Robinson has promised to come in and see us again regularly—she loves seeing the children as much as they love seeing her.

Our Busy Bees have really enjoyed partaking in activities for Children's Mental Health Week—we have been writing our own growth stories, participating in a guided meditation, practising our calming breathing techniques, writing down all the things we are grateful for and experimenting with shapes and colours to communicate emotion in art.

We were also treated to a Lego workshop on Wednesday which was great fun and got us thinking and using our design imagination.



**Mrs McInnes and the Year 5 team**



## Year 6 Update

Dragonflies have rounded off the half term with lots of fun activities over the week, including a Lego workshop, where they had to build cars, bridges and the tallest tower they could!

We have also been exploring mental health (as this has been Mental Health Week!), which the class have really put a lot of thought into. They looked at how and why anxiety can occur, both physically and mentally, and also at ways to combat these feelings by getting the body to release endorphins. They also explored emotions through creating feelings masks and practising meditative techniques.

The class have worked extremely hard this half term and I hope they have a lovely break—they've earned it! *Mr Clarke and the Year 6 team*

