

Class Updates - 24.03.2023



Butterflies update:

Butterflies highlight of the week was the visit to the Easter 'Soul Spaces' at St Mary's Church Parish Rooms.



Thank you KT Haynes and Matt Williamson and the KS2 Worship Council team.

In Phonics the children are reading and writing sentences and revisiting the GPCs and tricky words we have learnt so far. Some of the longer words have included 'lightning', 'mammoth' and 'earring'. We are impressed by Butterflies have a go attitude to learning.

In Maths the children have been making progress in their addition skills and we are currently learning about 3D shapes.

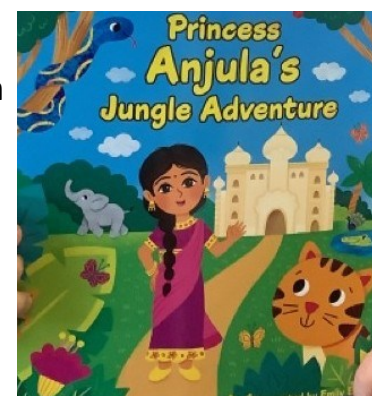


As part of our 'Around the World' topic, this week Butterflies have been learning about the country India and together we read the book '**Princess Anjula's Jungle Adventure**' .

Next week we look forward to our first visit to the Saffron Walden museum and finding out about Saffron Walden in the past.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

*What a wonderful week we have had! The children have been working so hard and have had a great attitude to all their learning. We visited the Parish Rooms on Monday and explored the different Easter prayer stations. We have been reading and performing spells in English. The children have loved the book *The Princess and the wizard* by Julia Donaldson. In maths, we have started looking at mass—weighing and comparing different objects. We looked at the UK and its capital cities in Geography and the highlight of the week was our fabulous dance at Radwinter Primary School. The children were amazing and were a credit to themselves and the school.*



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We started the week with a trip to the parish rooms to explore the different Easter soul stations led by our Worship Council. The children reflected on the things they were thankful for, their worries and 'big' questions that they wanted answered.

In maths this week, we have started our fractions unit and have been looking at parts and wholes, equal groups and identifying and finding a half. In English, we have been writing setting descriptions based on our class book, *The Enchanted Wood*. The children have used some fantastic adjectives and descriptive language to describe the faraway tree and have been thinking carefully about what conjunctions they can use to help link their ideas.

In science this week, we carried out a science experiment to see what happened when you added water to coloured skittles. The class enjoyed carefully setting up and carrying out their experiments.

Well done to the class for working so hard on their assessments over the last fortnight too! You have done a fantastic job and should be very proud of yourselves.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

This week we have been completing our assessments in Maths. I have been really pleased with the children's attitude and how much progress they have shown.

During this week, we have had two inter-house events. Year 3 and Year 4 played each other in tag-rugby in their colour groups. On Friday, we had a colour run and the children had to complete as many laps as possible to collect points. I was so pleased with all of the children and how hard they pushed themselves. The children showed respect, resilience and determination throughout the event.

Throughout this week, the children have been putting in lots of practice for the parent's presentation- we are looking forward to showing you the work we have done this term.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Mr Brown and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

We have had a busy week finishing off assessments, in maths and SPaG. The children have worked so hard to show what they have learnt and the progress they have made. Well done year 4!

We have also been practising for next week's 'parent presentation' and I am looking forward for you to see their work and hear them speak confidently in front of others.

We have also had 2 inter-house events this week. On Thursday, the class joined with year 3 and played each other in tag-rugby for points for their colour groups. It was great to see their stamina, resilience and leadership even when the weather turned against us. Then on Friday, we had our colour group run where the children were running laps to collect points for their colour group. Again, the class pushed themselves to get as many points as they could for their team.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team





Year 5 Busybees Update

The week started with a welcoming trip to the church to reflect on reasons we're grateful, questions we'd like to ask and ways to find a calm space in our busy minds. Later in the week we also enjoyed creating our landscapes using sketching and painting.



We continued to be creative on Wednesday when we re-told the story of Isaac Newton on the computers using Scratch. The children really impressed us with their ideas on how to create a sprite of the famous physicist by using the drawing tools. They learnt about some other functions of scratch which helped them to create dialogue and control timing. Shout out to Sammy who supported and advised everyone with their projects!

We finished off the week with a fantastic KS2 inter-house rugby competition (well done Blues!) and some fun running around the field as a whole school—thank you Miss Driscoll for all of your efforts with these events, we loved them! Lastly, thank you so much to Dr Dovedi for coming to visit the children and sharing her first aid experience with us, we found it really informative and interesting. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear parents/carers,

The Dragonflies class has been working hard on this, the penultimate week of the Spring term, so that they can relax a bit more in the rundown to the Easter Holidays. They've had to sit four assessments over five days (and had to cope with a photocopying mishap in the middle of one of those tests!) but they've never stopped putting in 100% effort; they all did themselves proud in how they performed.

Speaking of performances, the class have been hard at work on their dance for next Wednesday. Having learnt all the steps, we're now in the toughest part: going over and over the steps until you get them perfect! This tends to be the least fun part of the whole process, but again the children have done really well at motivating each other to practise it all 'one more time'. It's looking very professional and they're excited to share it next week.

We have also had some time to squeeze in other lessons aside from tests and dancing. Dragonflies put their knowledge of circuits and electricity to good use by helping out Farmer Magget, who was fed up with crows eating his crops at night. The children created circuits that utilised buzzers, motors and scarecrows to frighten away the crows, and added switches so Farmer Magget could choose when to use them.

It was the school STEM day on Wednesday, and the class turned its attention to space! Inspired by the Curiosity rover, which landed on Mars and recorded the first audio on the planet, we researched other planets and then used a CAD program to design our own rover for them —we realised that wheels would be pointless on Jupiter and had to consider what would be useful for exploration.

Dragonflies took some time out of all this academia to have some quiet time, taking advantage of the Soul Stations set up and ran by the Worship council. The children were very reflective and considered the big questions carefully.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

