

Class Updates - 22.03.2024

Reception Butterflies update



The children had their World Book day workshop on Monday. Stacey from 'Bringing Books to Life' read the Pinocchio story with the children making the actions, then the children put it together into a dance to music. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and they talked about Pinocchio afterwards, many could retell the story. Well done Butterflies.



The children created some amazing observational drawings of daffodils for our class art gallery and we invited the Year 6 buddies to come and see them...



Butterflies were delighted this week to have a new friend join the class, Sage.

We welcome you and your family to St Mary's. Have a great weekend,

Mrs Jewan, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Willis and Mrs Tagg



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

The Spring term is nearly over but we're staying busy right up till the final day!!



This week we continued our studies of Paul

Klee the artist by creating one of his famous pieces—Castle and Sun. We drew the shapes slowly and carefully and then we used crayons to colour them in—we were really proud of our work.

We had lots of fun on Monday morning bringing the story of Pinocchio to life with the help of Stacey from West End in schools. She was brilliant and told the story so well. Then we learnt lots of dance moves and put them all together with the music.



On Thursday we had a zoom visit from the 2Johns, teaching us all about how to stay safe online when we are playing games or watching content on YouTube.

On Friday morning, we took our dance to the Radwinter Dance Festival and performed in front of some other local schools. The children did a fantastic job! All the practice paid off and they really enjoyed seeing what the other schools had been working on.

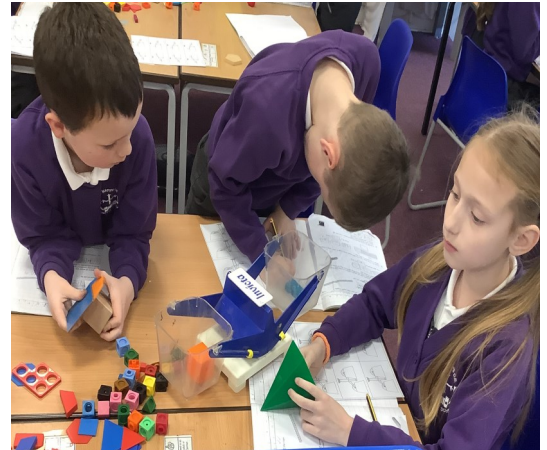


Mrs McInnes, Ms Nicholson and Mrs Wulfse



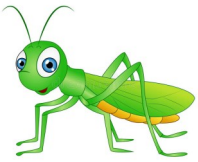
Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a full on, exciting week Caterpillar class have had this week! On Monday, we enjoyed our dance workshop to Pinocchio. The children recreated the characters through dance and showed emotions through their facial expressions. This week we finally made our gliders in DT, they are all incredible! Caterpillar class worked really hard to ensure their gliders were appealing, fit for purpose and engaging for their target audience. They used their cutting skills to create the perfect shape, some even added engines to theirs! On Thursday, we had a video call with 2 Johns to teach us all about e-safety! It was very interesting and the children enjoyed having a different face in the classroom. In maths this week we have been looking at mass, using balancing scales to compare weight.



Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade

Grasshoppers Update



Another super busy week in Grasshoppers! During this week, we have had the 'Bringing Books to Life' workshop. The children took part in learning a dance to go alongside the book 'Where The Wild Things Are'. We learned different actions and movements to show the story and used this to express ourselves using dance and drama. I was so impressed with the children's end dance and how well they engaged in the workshop.

On Thursday, the children had a webinar with the 2Johns (ex-police internet safety specialists) on e-safety. They both stressed the importance of telling an adult when you are worried about something you have seen on the internet. They also wanted the children to know that it is so important that open discussions happen around e-safety and that the children won't get told off.

In Science this week, we have been learning about pollination and different parts of the plant. The children focused on each part and the specific roles they have in the production of seeds.

Finally, our parent presentation is next Wednesday 27th March at 9:30am and it would be lovely to see you all there.

Mr Brown and the Y3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update



A busy week this week. On Monday, the children got to do the previously cancelled 'Bringing Books to Life' workshop. The focus was on Where the Wild Things Are and they created a dance to show the key parts of the story. They only had 30 minutes but what they created was so effective.

On Thursday, the 2Johns (ex-police internet safety specialists) did an e-safety webinar with Years 3 and 4. The focus was on how to be careful when gaming, being influenced by people on the internet and the dangers and the importance of speaking to a safe adult if you are worried about something that is happening on the internet.

In art, the class experimented with mod rock, clay and wire to see which they would like to use to create their water sculpture next week. It was a messy but successful session.

We hope to see you next Tuesday 26th March at 9.00 am for the Parent Presentation if you can attend!

Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye



Year 5 Busybees Update



We have had a super week in Year 5 this week. We have been finishing our unit on fractions and decimals in maths and moving onto area and perimeter. In English, we have been practising some key Year 5 writing skills including relative clauses, use of inverted commas and using apostrophes to show plural and singular possession. We have had a couple of fantastic workshops this week too. The first being a reading and drama workshop where the children (in a very short space of time) learnt a dance to a well known story. The second workshop was focused around the damaging effects of idling on local communities. The children demonstrated enthusiasm and respect throughout both workshops .



Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll



Y6 Dragonflies Update

It feels like the half-term has only just begun and we're already at the end of our last full week before Easter! And, because of this, the Dragonflies have had to try to squeeze a lot in these last five days.

The children have smashed through their assessments this week, and it's been great to see how much more confident they are in dealing with the tests (particularly the reading, which was the hardest past paper the SATs have had!).

We also had a great time with the belated World Book Day workshop, where the children had lots of fun recreating parts of the Gruffalo—for some reason, being little monsters came quite naturally to the Year 6s...who'd have guessed?

The class have been really enjoying our foundation lessons this week (especially after the assessments in the morning), particularly our PSHCE lesson, where we've been focussing on teamwork. The children have been randomly sorted into groups and have been designing a colony: a colony on Mars! They've really enjoyed hashing out what to prioritise and how to make their society successful.

There was also a lot of enjoyment had in our DT session; the task was to build a tower from paper and tape as high as possible. The only catch: it had to be free-standing. Many groups made very tall towers, but they didn't hold up to surprise earthquakes or stormy winds! Again, it was lovely to see the improvement in the children's teamwork skills on this compared to the beginning of the year.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Wilkinson

