

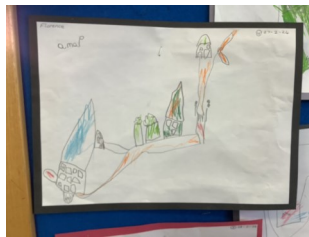
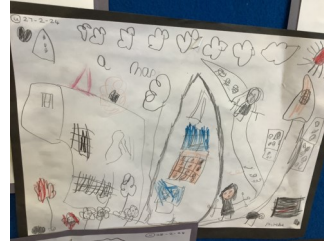
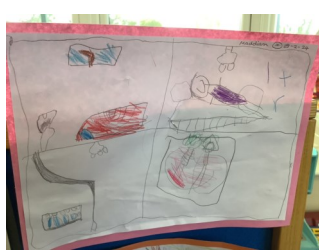
# Class Updates - 01.03.2024



## Reception Butterflies update

We have had such a lovely week back. Our new topic is **Around the World** and the children are learning about different countries, how to look at maps and Atlas books.

After reading **Martha Maps it Out**, the children have been busy attempting to draw their first maps. This week the children drew maps of their way from home to school and a map of their home.



In **RE** we started a new enquiry based topic—**Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter Garden?** In the first session the children looked at Easter pictures and thought about what they could see, what they noticed and what they wondered. Many said why were there crosses in the pictures? We will find out more in our next session. Butterflies made some wonderful tape crosses:



Have a great weekend,

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



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

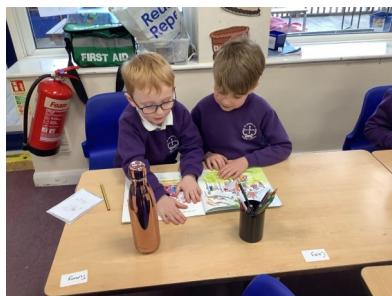
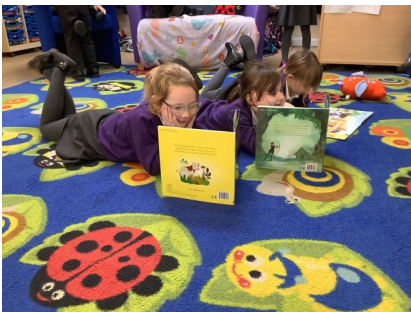
Welcome back Ladybirds after the half term break! We have had an active week, straight back into our learning.

In English, we have been sharing Fairy tales and reading the book 'Whose House?' by Colin and Jacqui Hawkins, guessing who lives in each house in Fairytale woods.

In Maths, we are looking closely at numbers to 50, using number lines, number squares and partitioning numbers into tens and ones using part whole models.

Out in Forest School we did a scavenger hunt around the grounds and then we helped to take care of our school environment, cleaning up the area and collecting up all the stray balls and tools and putting them back in the shed.

We are practicing our dance in PE, ready for the Radwinter dance Festival at the end of term.



**Mrs McInnes, Ms Nicholson and Mrs Wulfse**



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

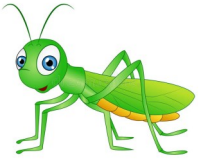
***Caterpillars have had a fantastic start to this half term.***

***In science this week, we have made posters about how to keep ourselves healthy and looked closely at the human life cycle, discussing what we can do during each stage. We have also studied adult animals and their young, matching and sorting them into different groups, such as babies that look like their adults and those that do not, as well as their classification; mammal, fish, bird, reptile, amphibian. We also looked at different animal life cycles including a frog, butterfly and duck. We then had a go at drawing our own. In English this week, we have focused on description in our writing. We have written expanded noun phrases, a number rhyme, descriptive sentences alphabetically and used prepositions to describe the position of a dragon. We have started looking at our first dragon book– The Dragon Machine, describing the different illustrations found in the story. In Maths, we have finished multiplication and division by multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10, becoming more familiar with using the times and divide symbols. In ICT we created a class pictogram based on our favourite colours. We then used an app to create a pictogram showing the results of how we all get to school. We then answered questions based on the data we collected.***

***Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade***



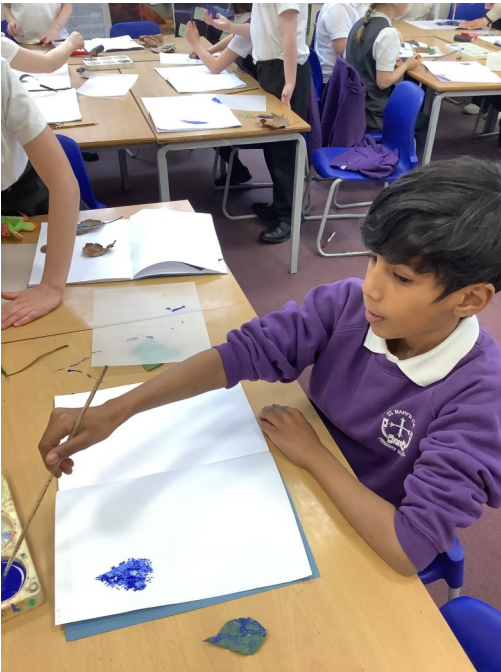
## Grasshoppers Update



Welcome back Year 3, I hope you had a lovely break. Throughout this week we have been learning about fractions. We started looking at adding and subtracting fractions, and moved onto finding equivalent fractions. Next week, we will be learning about solving different word problems involving fractions and decimals.

In English, we have been focussing on our SPaG for our next unit of writing. We have been learning how to use inverted commas and different types of conjunctions. The children came up with some fantastic examples in both lessons– well done!

Finally, In art, we have been learning about printing. The children found leaves in the school ground's for the lesson. Next, we painted them and used printing in order to show all the different parts of the leaf. Finally, next week, we are going to use both our sketching and printing techniques to create our final piece. I'm really looking forward to seeing these!



**Mr Brown, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys**



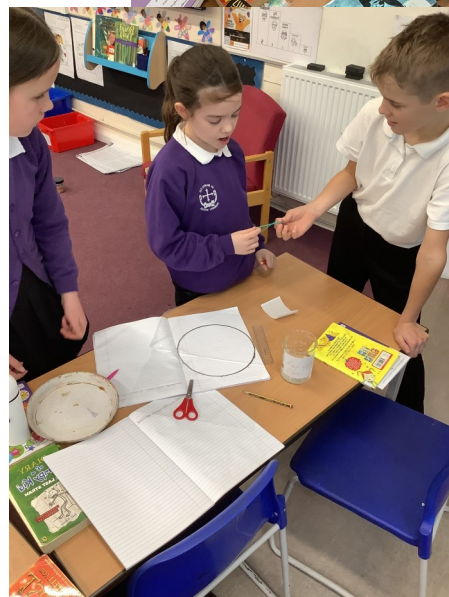


## Year 4 Fireflies Update

Welcome back, I hope you all had a nice half-term. This week in Fireflies class, we started our Time unit in maths. To start with, the children focused on o'clock, half past, quarter to/past to secure previous learning. Then to the nearest 5 minutes and finally 1 minute. Next week, we will be converting between the 12 and 24 hour clock. In English, the children finished writing their Information Texts. I have been really pleased with how the class have included the key features: fronted adverbials, possessive apostrophes and a range of plurals. Next week, we will be looking at dialogue and what is needed to accurately write speech.

In science, the class created their own experiment to see if the water-cycle will affect the water level in a glass jar. We will be monitoring this over the next few weeks. In computing, we started our 'image editing' unit by cropping and rotating images.

***Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye***



## Year 5 Busybees Update



***What a wonderful first week back after half term! Spirits have been high and everyone has been working hard. It goes without saying that we are incredibly proud of the children's performance (to a packed out audience) at Saffron Hall. They were the last act of the evening and they were fantastic but, most importantly, they enjoyed it too. To those who could not attend due to illness; you were missed! Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support us too. The rest of the week has been filled with decimals, descriptive writing, rap music and tennis!***

***Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll***





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

Welcome back Year 6, I hope you all had a lovely break.

We finished off writing our spooky suspense stories this week. If you were able to come in for the book look today, I hope you enjoyed the read and didn't get too spooked!

We started our new topic in Science this week - Electricity. We focused on batteries and how they work. The children had a go at putting together a circuit to try and get the light bulbs to glow.

We had a visitor come in to speak to a few of the children in the class to teach them about pollution and 'Idling'. The children went outside the front of the school at the end of the day to speak to parents and residents about pollution and how they can help the planet by turning their engines off and not 'idle'. They handed out leaflets too and did a great job. Well done!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Clarke, Miss Naunton and Mrs Wilkinson

