

Class Updates - 09.09.2022



Welcome to Butterfly class!

What a wonderful start to school the children have had this week. We have been delighted to welcome the children into class. The children have been so cheerful and positive and have made a wonderful start to their school journey. The children are already becoming familiar with school routines and the expectations at St Mary's school.

The week started our family picnic, and it was so lovely as every child and their family were able to join us. Even Mrs Crocker got to cuddle a baby...



Next week, the children will stay to lunch on Monday, begin full time learning on Tuesday, meet their Year 6 buddies, join the Golden Mile, take part in Collective Worship, and experience playtimes. **Please remember that it is Forest school on Tuesday and PE on Thursdays and the children need to come to school dressed appropriately for both of these activities.**

Thank you for all of your support so far. Please do get in touch by Tapestry if you have any queries for the class team.

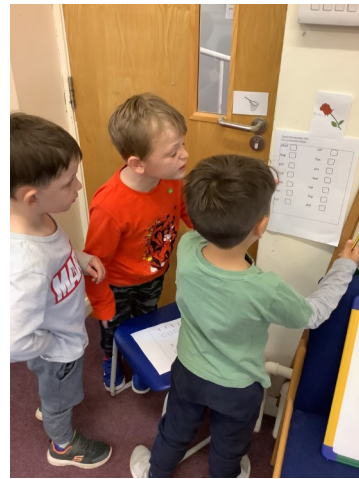
Have a relaxing weekend,

Mrs Jeewan, Miss Hunter & Miss Willis



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

What a wonderful first week in Year 1 with our new Ladybirds! The children have been fantastic and have settled in really well. We have been busy doing lots of maths, phonics and English as well as exploring our classroom. We have been practising our ball control in PE and we started our new topic by looking at all the different special places in our town and have made a fabulous display!





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Welcome back Caterpillars! It has been lovely getting to know the Year 2s this week and they are settling back into their school routine. In maths, we have started to look at place value in 2-digit numbers and have been ordering and comparing numbers to 100. We have also been practising counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. In English, we have been reminding ourselves of what we need to include in a sentence.

In science, we discussed what all living things have in common and the class did a brilliant job of organising items into alive, dead and never alive headings. The class have also been practising their dribbling and team building skills in our PE lessons.

Well done for your hard work this week, Caterpillars, and have a relaxing weekend!



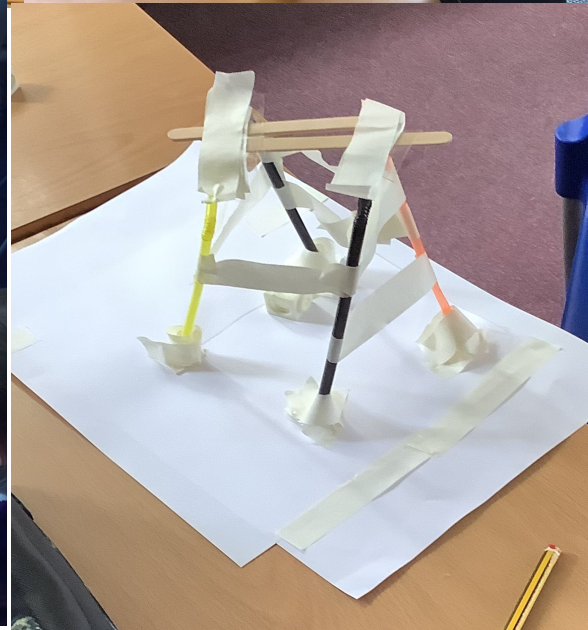


Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Welcome to Grasshopper class , what a fantastic first week back we've all had with Miss Gilmour! We have been working together, using our problem-solving skills to build towers and bridges with a range of materials. We have tested the durability of our creations along the way, making predictions and fair tests throughout the week. We have revised our times tables, and enjoyed creating our own stories.

We have worked really hard on creating grasshopper puppets, which we cannot wait to bring home to show you! We have thought carefully throughout the week about friendships and discussed what a good friend looks like. The children have been using the Zones of Regulation each day to identify the emotions they are feeling , creating a calm, positive atmosphere throughout the classroom.

We have played many games in PE this week, including sharks and fishes, VIP tag, air hockey and dodgeball, using the plank position to challenge ourselves.





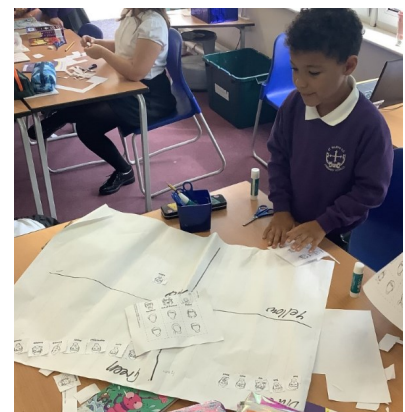
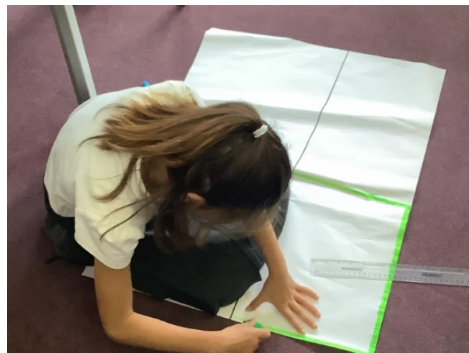
Year 4 Fireflies Update

Welcome back and welcome to Fireflies! What a busy week we have had. I have really enjoyed getting to know the children and I have been so impressed with how well they have all settled in to our new class and the new routines. Their positive attitude and work ethic has been great to see.

In Maths, we have started our place value unit looking at numbers up to 4 digits (and then beyond) and the place value of each. I have also started to look at their current times table knowledge and identify where the gaps are. It is really important this year that each child practises their times tables at home every week alongside their weekly spellings (these will both commence next week) to help support their learning and understanding in school.

In English, we are starting our Non-Chronological reports unit. So far, we have identified the key features and looked at the different types of nouns and then in particular, pronouns.

The children have revisited our key words 'safe, effort and respect' to discuss why these are important in the daily life at St Mary's. We also talked about what each of these looks like and how we can ensure we are all making positive behavioural decisions. The class also refreshed their understanding of Zones of Regulation, thinking about our emotions and what that may feel or look like. The children then created individual 'toolboxes' with techniques they can use to support themselves when they are feeling different emotions, including: breathing techniques, exercise, talking, mindfulness drawing/colouring, reading, fresh air etc...



Year 5 Busybees Update



Welcome to the new Busybees class and well done for completing your first week back at school! We have been very impressed with how hard the children are working and how welcoming they have been to the new member of our class Igor who has joined us all the way from Ukraine. Special congratulations to Igor for his perseverance and resilience—he is picking up the English so quickly and we have discovered he loves music and dance which made us all smile.

The children are fascinated by our topic this term—Space! They found the Professor Brian Cox You tube video very interesting so we've included the link below to have another look. None of us can comprehend just how HUGE the universe is. Please encourage the children to watch any other Brian Cox videos as he is one of the most knowledgeable academics on the subject.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2iAytbmXYXE>

We've had some great discussions about what a non-chronological report should look like and have started to plan our own. The children have shown great understanding of number and place value as well as enjoyed decorating some rocks for our zone of regulation. Remember to keep practising your times tables and spellings for a test each Friday.



Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland & Miss Driscoll



Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Year 6 have come back and launched straight into their work (to mixed reviews; some were under the illusion that Year 6 would have a soft start to the year...and were sadly disappointed!).

The class used the imaginative skills in History, meeting a person from the 1500s (via time travel), who sent them on a voyage to the New World! There, they explored the newly discovered continents of the Americas, coming into contact with the indigenous people: the Maya. Though they couldn't speak the language, the children used their inference skills to deduce facts and theories on this civilisation, and also considered what other information they hoped to learn during our forthcoming topic. We then looked at some Mayan masks in Art, with the hope of making our own by the end of the half term!

Dragonflies also had a great time looking at inheritance in our science lesson, where they created family trees for an animal, displaying how traits can be passed down from animals to their offspring. In Maths and English, they have been recapping place value and grammar from last year, and I think they should be very proud of how they've worked throughout the week. We also had lots of fun playing games with the classroom equipment in French as well as finding the pulse and dancing in Music.

Have a good weekend Year 6!

