

# Class Updates - 18.11.2022



## **Butterflies update:**

The children are continuing to make good progress with their Phonic skills. Thank you to the parents who joined us for the **Little Wandle phonics workshop**, your support really helps your child.

**This week in RE we have looked at the Hindi celebration of light 'Diwali' and the children enjoyed creating their own diva lamps out of clay and coloured in Rangoli patterns.**



In **Maths** we are learning about the properties of simple 2D shapes and especially circles and triangles. They learnt about the artist **Wassily Kandinsky**. The children looked at a range of Kandinsky's art work and then created their own 'Circles in Squares' piece of art, learning to mix colours and create careful circles.



This week has been '**anti-bullying week**'. It was also '**friendship day**' and **Children in Need** on Friday and in Reception we focused on **positive behaviour** and how we can be good friends and what tools to use when someone is not very nice to them. We also read the book **The Very Helpful Hedgehog**, played games and puzzles taking turns and sharing with our friends. The children enjoyed being spotty, thank you again for your support.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

*We are starting to get all Christmassy in Year 1! We have been busy learning our nativity songs in music and we also sang them in RE whilst learning about the Christmas Story. In English we have been creating our own class version of Nick Sharratt's book 'The Foggy, foggy Forest' using rhyming words and in Maths we are finishing our unit on addition and subtraction. We are becoming "champion gymnasts" in PE by practising point hands and toes as well as wide, narrow and curled movements. This week is national Anti-Bullying week, so in our PHSCE lessons we have focused on recognizing the difference between unkind behavior, teasing and bullying and how we can reach out to our friends and peers if they are struggling.*



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



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

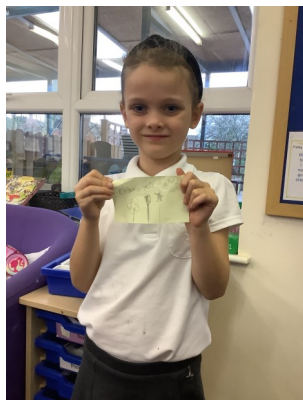
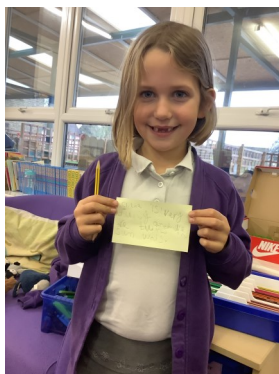
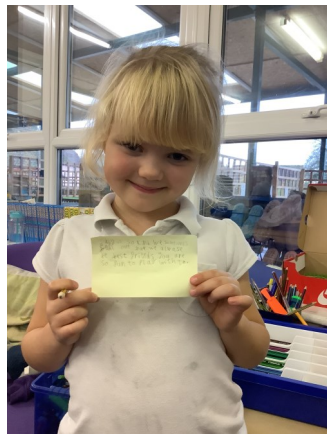
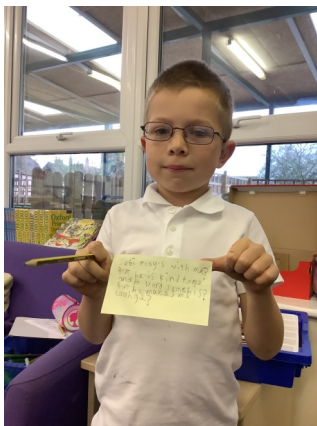
This week in maths, we have been looking at using our addition and subtraction skills from this unit and applying them to answering mixed addition and subtraction problems. We have been creating our own underwater creatures in English this week and thinking of adjectives that we can use to describe them. We will be turning our adjectives into descriptive pieces of writing next week.

In PSHCE this week, we have been focussing on Anti-Bullying Week. We have talked about what bullying is and the different roles people play in bullying. We looked at different scenarios and discussed what role each person was playing in the scenario and what could be done to stop it. We finished with circle time where we all wrote a post it note message to the person on our right telling them something that was amazing about them.

For Children in Need, we created our own collage Pudsey Bears and talked about why we were collecting money.

We planted broad beans in our Science lesson and have placed our plants in various places around the classroom so that we can observe them over this half term and see what they need to grow.

### *Miss Allin & the Year 2 team*



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



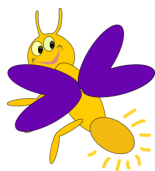
Due to it being anti-bullying week, we had a mindfulness afternoon. During this afternoon, we did some yoga to practise our breathing, stretching and to help control our emotional regulation. After we had done some yoga, we focussed on bullying. Firstly, we identified the different types of bullying and what they might look like. Then, we watched a short video called 'For the birds' and tried to identify the types of bullying we could see in the clip. Finally, we discussed the importance of telling people-specifically adults at home and in school to help.

Have a fantastic weekend,

***Mr Brown & the Yr 3 team***

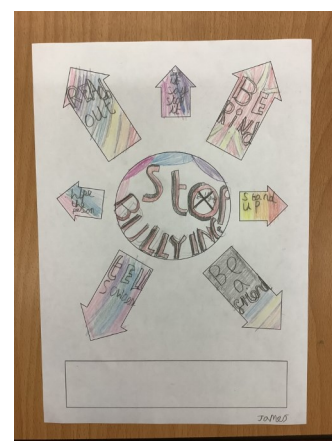
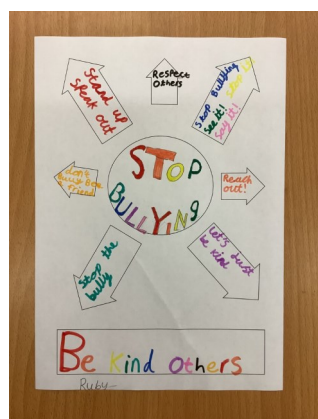
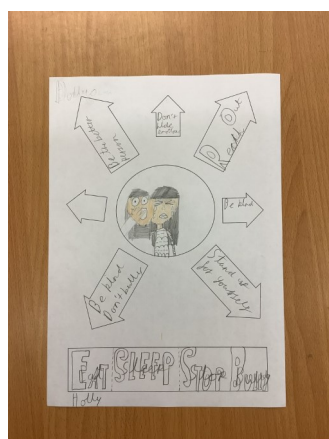
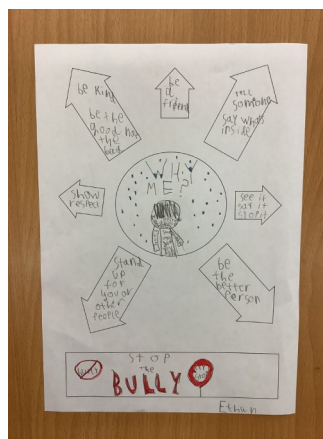
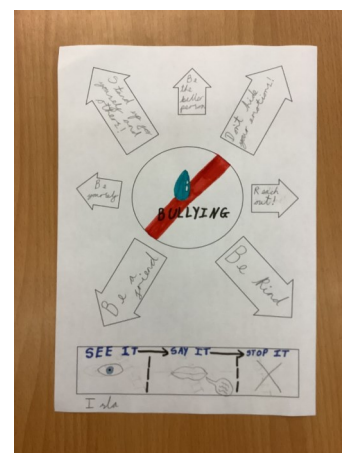


## Year 4 Fireflies Update



As it is Anti-bullying week, we have been focusing on the theme of 'reaching out'. We have discussed why it is so important to talk to someone if you feel that someone is being mean to you or making you feel sad or unsafe. We referred back to our safety circles to share who the children trust and feel safe talking to. The children then had to create anti-bullying posters sharing our St Mary's anti-bullying message and values. The posters included different advice, slogans and messages to support others who may be feeling picked on. I will be choosing the most positive and supportive to be displayed around the school. We also spent time discussing mental health and why talking is key to feeling happier. I was very impressed with the class' mature responses and engagement in this discussion and hope they further this discussion at home.

### Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



## Year 5 Busybees Update



Great week Bees—you have shown fantastic enthusiasm across the board! We started the week thinking about anti-bullying as it is national anti-bullying week and the children showed us all of their wonderful ideas on how to be supportive and what you can do if you think someone is being bullied. We wrote our 'reach out' ideas on leaves which will be going up on to our PSHCE display shortly.

During Maths, it was great to see the children finding factors by using counters in a visual, hands on way. Ask them to show you at home. We then moved on to finding all of the prime numbers under 50 and looking for any patterns, which is harder than it sounds!

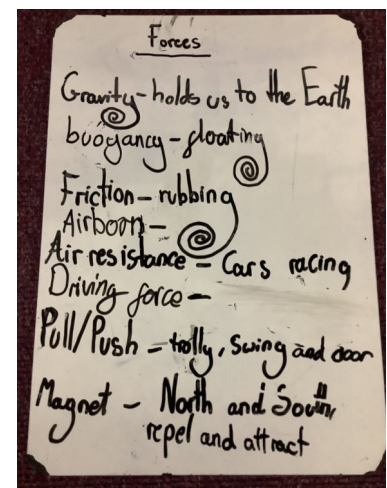
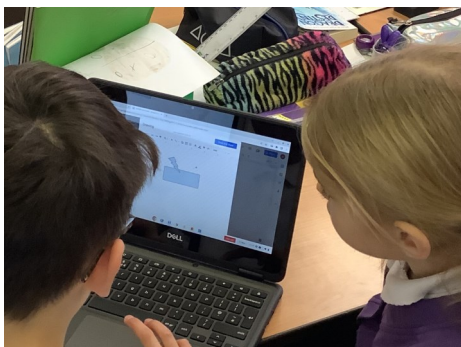
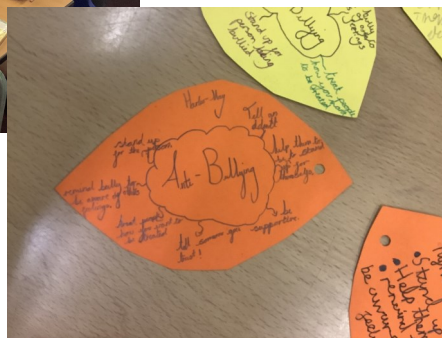
We were happy to get cracking on our new unit for Computing and Science this week. This half term we will be learning about drawing vectors using a computer—the children are already very good at manipulating shapes, changing the colours and line effects to make their buildings, well done!

Forces is going to be fun—the children remembered a lot of their previous learning and we had a good game of forces bingo to help us learn the tricky words. Look out for forces in action at home and don't forget your Science homework!

Lastly, we are very proud of our year 5 for playing in the dodgeball competition at the Lord Butler on Wednesday. We had lots of fun and managed to win or draw many of our matches.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll**





## Year 6 Dragonflies Update

The Dragonflies class have been working diligently on their persuasive letters in English, and it has been fantastic to see them really try to see the other side of any argument (as well as coming up with ways to refute the other side!). In Maths, they have been using protractors to measure and draw angles this week, finishing by estimating angles using their newfound skills!

The class then got off their chairs to push themselves in their HIIT session, where I was incredibly impressed by the determination and perseverance on show; they were absolutely shattered by the end! We then learnt about how fats and carbohydrates are used by the body for fuel and the impact exercise and diet has on your heart.

The children have been cramming in lots of History this week, researching Ancient Egyptian medicine (by finding clues hidden around the school) and taking part in a relay quiz, where the children had to race to find the questions and write them down before getting another one. They also had a surprise visit from the Ancient Greek physician, Hippocrates, who came from Kos to teach the children about the theory of the four humours—ask your child to see if they can explain the theory and how it advanced ancient beliefs about illness!

The children also reflected on the nature of bullying, why people may act in unkind ways and why you should try to be kind and understanding of others.

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman**

