

Class Updates - 11.11.2022



Butterflies update:

The children have been very respectful when visiting St Mary's church and when learning about **Remembrance Day**. The children created their own poppies to hold and some amazing poppy pictures to take to church on Remembrance day.

We are continuing to focus on developing the children's **fine motor and gross motor skills**—activities include working with Lego, pegging socks on a washing line, drawing pictures vertically on the whiteboard and threading ribbon—these skills prepare young children for developing their writing skills including: **wrist and pencil grasp, visual attention and hand/eye coordination, spatial awareness, core strengthening and muscles co-ordination**, and being able to **cross the midline**.



There are many activities that you can do at home too, here are some to try:

1. Paint or draw on an easel.
2. Use stickers or make a collage on the easel.
3. Chalk on a chalkboard.
4. Clean the chalkboard with a cloth and water
5. Cleaning the windows with a spray and a squidge.
6. Wiping the kitchen cabinet doors.
7. Painting the garden fences with a paintbrush dipped in water
8. Drawing with chalk on floor/wall.
9. Play with magnets on the fridge, number or letter magnets are even better.
10. Sellotape some paper onto a window, and provide some materials to stick on to it.
11. Fix a lego/duplo brick on the wall to build on.
12. Use window pens to decorate the windows.
13. Peg clothes on a 'washing line'.
14. Thread ribbon or string.

This week we want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Brundle (Lottie's mum) who donated a set of notebooks to class. Each Butterfly child now has a 'Busy Book' in their draw to practice their drawing and writing skills.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week in Ladybirds we have been practising subtraction in maths, identifying rhyming words in English and learning new digraphs in phonics. In geography we have been creating town maps outside on the playground and we are starting to use basic symbols. We are continuing to practice our gymnastic skills in PE . In Science, we are beginning to look at everyday materials around us and in PHSCE we are thinking about what makes us all similar and different from one another.

On Friday we will be going to Remembrance Service at the church, so we have made poppies to take with us.



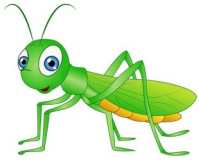
Year 2 Caterpillars Update



This week in maths, we have been recapping some of our place value work. We have looked at being able to mark numbers on number lines and the children's confidence has grown amazingly since we last practiced this! We have been very impressed. In English, Caterpillars have finished writing their instructions for creating their very own marvelous medicines. Their stamina for writing is really improving and the class punctuated their work very carefully. This week, we have also started to learn our nativity songs and we are very excited to start rehearsing! We have also created poppies to share during our Remembrance Service on Friday morning.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Grasshoppers,

Well done on another fantastic week of learning!

This week, we have moved on to the four operations and looked at the formal addition method. The children did an excellent job of labelling the columns and using their knowledge of place value to solve the questions.

In English this week, we have focused on persuasive letter writing and identifying the key features of a letter. The children acted out some different scenarios using persuasive techniques to persuade the rest of the class.

Finally, for Remembrance Day, the children created finger paintings showing poppies. The children practised, then decided how they would want their poppies to look and how many there would be. I was also very proud of them for showing off their work at the Remembrance Day service.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown & the Yr 3 team

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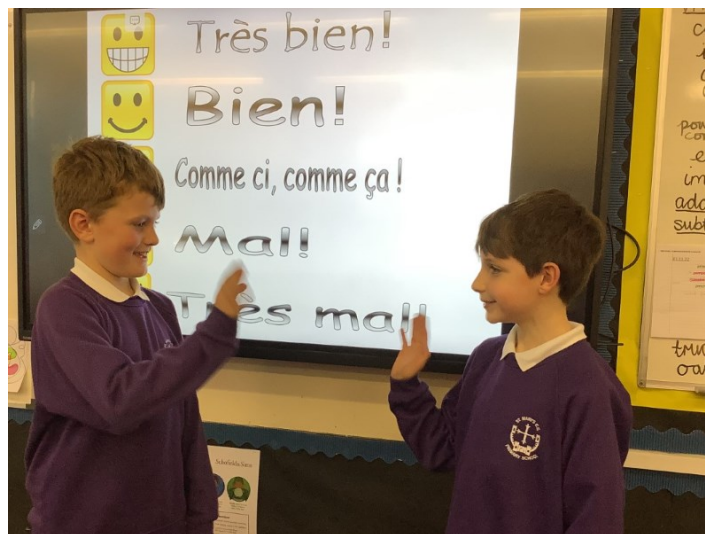
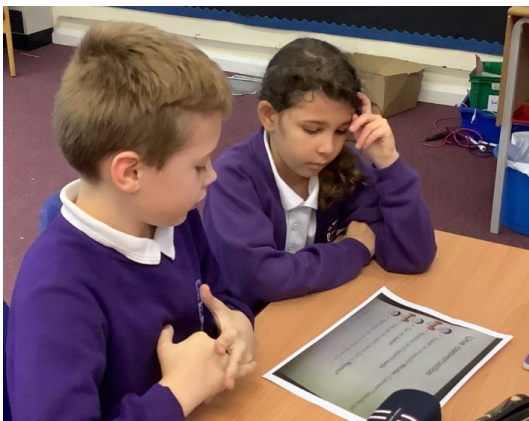


Year 4 Fireflies Update

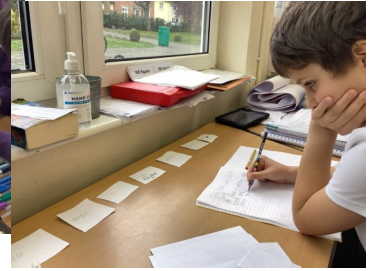
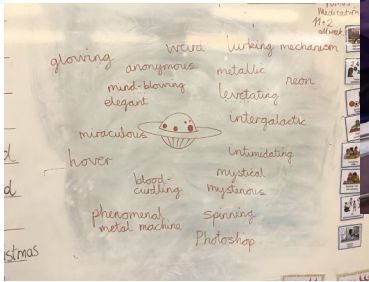
This week in maths, we have been securing their understanding of subtraction using column method. It is tricky because at times they have to exchange from one column to another. They have all worked really hard to secure this. In English, we have been focusing on adverbial phrases and expanded noun phrases. This is so that when the children write a sentence they can easily add interest. We are now starting our Myths & Legends unit! In science, we built circuits using all the knowledge they have built up over the last few weeks. The circuit had to include: a bulb/buzzer or motor, a switch, a conductive material and a battery. They then had to draw the circuit using the correct symbols.

In French, they have been introducing themselves to each other and saying how they are feeling. For Remembrance Day, we made poppies and wrote poems to remember all those who have lost their lives in wars.

Mr Pike & the Yr 4 team

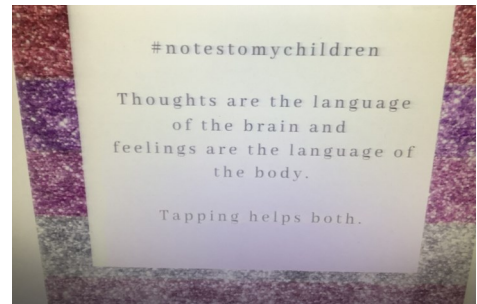


Year 5 Busybees Update



This week the children have been really intrigued and excited to start their new unit in English on UFOs. We have watched footage and looked at photos and reports of lots of inexplicable flying objects across the world from as far back as 1947! The children have had animated discussions about what these flying objects could be and whether life exists outside of planet Earth. We look forward to writing our UFO chronological reports shortly.

We also had an exciting visit from Mrs Shackleton who taught the children all about EFT and how we can use it to manage those difficult emotions that can make focusing at school and home challenging. EFT has been successfully used with people of all ages and the children were amazed to see that even Boy George has been using it on I'm a Celebrity! We are thrilled to be involved with an international project with Mrs Shackleton over the next 4 weeks to see how primary school children respond to EFT and how it can benefit them with their day to day life.



We have finally finished our Science topic on Earth and space—the children are sad to be moving on but we are going to have lots of fun with Forces next. If you have anything that you'd like to share with the class that is relevant to this topic then feel free to bring it in. Finally, well done in French as you have been trying very hard to remember your key questions as well as learning the time, which is very tricky! Keep it up. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll



Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies have worked very hard this week, launching into their shape unit and putting their minds to work on some tough maths, including finding the perimeter and area of compound shapes! They have also been thinking hard on how to debate and persuade, coming up with For and Against reasons for a variety of questions, from whether there should be school uniform in schools or even if children should be paid for coming to school.

The class have managed to fit in some more active lessons too—we finally began our tag rugby unit in PE, and the children really enjoyed practising dodging and tackling with the tags (we ended the lesson with a giant tag-bulldog game!). They also got practical in music, improvising on glockenspiels after learning about time signatures.

Dragonflies were very keen to begin our Computing unit, where we are using HTML and CSS to create our own webpages from the ground up! The children were extremely diligent and hard working, which is fantastic as this is usually a very tricky unit, even for Year 6s!

A big thank you to those who brought in jars—the children loved using them to make model hearts that really pumped out ‘blood’ in our Science lesson! The class also learnt the major parts of the heart and circulatory system: ask your child to see if they can recall the journey a red blood cell makes around the body!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

