

# Class Updates - 04.11.2022



## **Butterflies update:**

Welcome back Butterflies!

We are glad that the children have come back to school rested and ready to continue their learning journey, our topic is '**Come on and Celebrate**'.

The children have had a busy week even though it was just 4 days! In Phonics The children learnt some new digraphs (two letters, one sound) including **ll**, **ff**, **ss** and **zz** and new single phoneme 'j'. The children are learning to sound talk words such as

'**b-e-d, bed**' and beginning to spell words from GPCs they have already learnt.

The children enjoyed toasting marshmallows by their first fire pit at Forest school with Year 4 and the children were able to talk about what they did enthusiastically.



In RE and during our **Light Day** the children learnt about different light festivals around the world and we looked at how Christians believe that not only is Jesus the light of the world but also they are, as our St Mary's school motto says '**Let your light shine**'.



Here are the Butterflies proudly showing off their super '**Light day**' outfits!

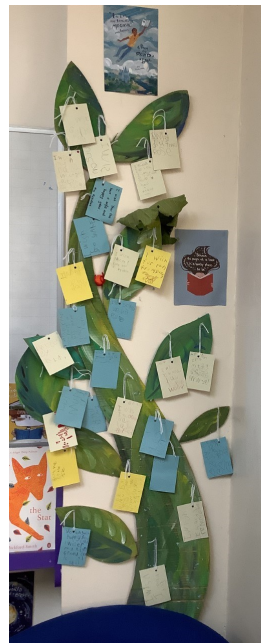
**Have a super weekend,**

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

*We started the first week back with a bang! We have been writing firework poetry in English and practising place value in Maths. This term we will be doing gymnastics in PE and this week we did some careful balancing. Year 4 joined us in Forest School and we prepared fires. On Thursday it was Light Day in St Mary's and our focus was Chinese New Year. We made a class dragon, fans and collages of lanterns and wrote wishes for a class wishing tree.*





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

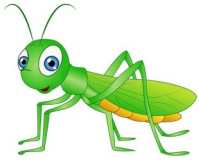
Year 2 have been busy and working hard since returning from their half term. They have been planning and starting to write sets of instructions in English based on George's Marvellous Medicine. There have been some very gruesome ingredients added!

In art this week, we used paints and mixed colours. We looked at what different secondary colours we could create using the 3 primary colours.

We had a brilliant light day yesterday where we looked at the Jewish light festival, Hanukkah. We made menorahs using collaging. Jewish people light a menorah during Hanukkah to celebrate the Maccabees defeating the Greeks. Hanukkah lasts for 8 days. We also made dreidels which are used to play a special game at Hanukkah.

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





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Grasshoppers,

Well done on our first week back after half term! I have been impressed with how all the children have settled back into their learning.

Throughout this week, we have targeted a few areas of place value that we need to continue to develop. We looked at counting in multiples of fifty and how it is linked with the five times table.

In English this week, we have focused on writing an introduction to a story and using our five senses. The children used a picture to decide on the senses and wrote the first paragraph of a story. I was impressed with the creative ideas and some of the stories they wrote.

In RE this week, we had light day. The children came up with some fantastic design ideas- please see the pictures included! We looked at Rangoli patterns and created our own.

Finally, today we had our Ancient Egypt day. Thank you to all the parents and carers for getting costumes together.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

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

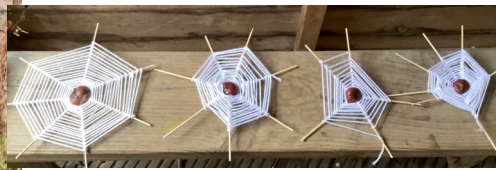




## Year 4 Fireflies Update

*This week Fireflies loved their reward at Forest school, roasting marshmallows, making fires, creating spider webs and planting bulbs.*

### Mr Pike & the Yr 4 team



## Year 5 Busybees Update



What a busy first week back! The children absolutely loved the theatre show 'Abbie Ayre and the Shed of Science' which we were lucky enough to be offered through funding from the government. This fun and engaging show aimed to motivate our year 5 pupils to help improve their local air quality safely and sustainably. The project enables pupils to identify the causes and health consequences of poor air quality, and to address ways in which they can avoid contributing to poor air quality, such as walking or cycling. Let's all try to help pollution levels by walking/cycling more.

We celebrated Light Day by learning about la Fête des Lumières held every year in Lyon, France. The children really impressed us with their creativity and ability to research, coming up with details of the history of the event, how it works in the present day and facts about Lyon. Then we designed our own Light installation to be projected on the face of the Saint-Jean Cathedral. We even got a WOW in assembly from the other children which we were proud of!



It was great to see you all for our book look, we hope you enjoyed looking at your children's work. Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the fireworks!



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

We are loving our reading corner!



## Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Year 6 have worked very hard since they returned from their half term break.



They started their 'Medicine through the Ages' topic by trepanning a skull!

As part of our Light Day, In Year 6 we looked at Wesak, also know as Vesak. This is the celebration of Buddha's birthday. There are many traditions that happen as part of the celebration: Flying the Buddhist flag and singing hymns, lighting lanterns, eating vegetarian food for a week, cleaning their houses, washing the shoulders of statues of the Buddha to symbolise purity and intelligence and Mrs. Norman's favourite they lay flowers and food at their teacher's feet.

We made origami lotus flowers which symbolise purity and intelligence as the flower rises and blooms above the murk to achieve enlightenment.



Keep up your great attitude to learning  
Year 6!

**Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman**