

Class Updates - 21.10.2022



Butterflies update:

Wow, what a wonderful way to end the half term!

*This week the children have taken part in extra curricular activities this week including an **author visit**, **scooter fit safety training**, **a teddy bear run**, **a marvelous maths morning** and **House Clubbercise**! Phew, the children really do deserve a rest!*



Butterflies have settled in so well to life in

St Mary's school and have already learnt so much in just a few weeks.

*We are looking forward to the next half term and our new Topic is '**Come on and Celebrate**' which includes learning about firework night, Diwlai, Christmas and the Nativity story.*

We hope that you all have a well deserved half-term break,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

A busy week to round off what has been a very busy first half term in Ladybirds. This week we have been adding numbers together in Maths, writing sentences in English, performing to Year 2 in music as well as creating nature wands in RE. We are finishing off the week with a Maths activity morning. We also enjoyed lots of sports including scoot fit, the teddy bear run and clubbercise! Well done Ladybirds for a great first half term. Make sure you get lots of rest over the holidays and we look forward to seeing you after half term :)

Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team





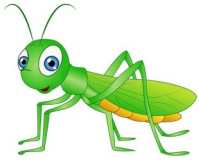
Year 2 Caterpillars Update

It has been an extremely busy final week of the half term for the caterpillars! They have been working hard in maths and we have been looking at adding and subtracting 10. We have continued to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well. In English, we have continued reading George's Marvellous Medicine and the children have been thinking of fantastic adjectives to describe the different characters within the story!

On Monday, we had a visit from a local author who shared some of her stories with us and answered our questions about what it was like to be an author. We were also lucky enough to go and watch Year 1 perform their song that they have been practising this half term. We were very impressed with their timing! On Wednesday, we took part in our Scootfit session, on Thursday, had a brilliant teddy bear run and on Friday an exciting Clubbercise intra house competition. Well done for all your hard work this half term, Year 2, and enjoy a very well deserved half term break!

Miss Allin & the Yr 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Grasshoppers,

Well done on a brilliant half term. You have shown real engagement in your learning, and I am very excited to continue our learning.

In Science this week, we had another practical lesson involving magnets. The children tested different materials to see what was magnetic and non-magnetic. The children then discovered the various traits that the magnetic materials had. I was impressed with the children's use of scientific vocabulary in this lesson!

In English this week, we finished our non-chronological reports. The children worked very hard on each section using sub-headings and other vital features. I was impressed with their writing and how they looked to improve their work.

Finally, today the children participated in the Clubbercise house event. The children all showed perseverance and a positive attitude towards the session.

Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic half term!

Mr Brown & the Yr 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

The first half term is done! I can't believe how quickly it has gone already. I have really enjoyed getting to know the class and seeing their progress already this half term. Their attitude to learning, their independence and their enthusiasm has continued to grow which has been amazing to see. I am really proud of how well they have settled into year 4 and I look forward to what next half term brings!

This week we have been adding 3 and 4 digit numbers using a written method called column method in maths. The whole class have understood the process and what to do when the number bridges into the next place value column. Well done Fireflies.

In music the class performed their version of Abba's Mamma Mia using the glockenspiels to keep the pulse and rhythm. In P.E we concluded our 2 units: dodgeball and football by having some small group competitions using the skills they have been learning this half term, including: passing, dribbling, tackling and accuracy of throw.

Mr Pike & the Yr 4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



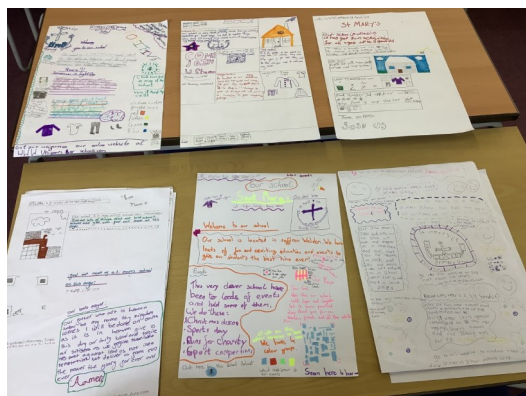
We can't believe we've got to the end of our first half term already! We are very proud of how hard the children have been working and how well they have settled into year 5. This week, we have faced some interesting questions in computing about Search Engine Optimisation and how results are ranked using algorithms. The children designed their own website pages about school and then we tried to optimise them according to search engine criteria by adding in more links to other web pages and making sure that key words were repeated in the right places (but not too much!). They had some great ideas.

They have worked really well in their Art groups, finishing off their planets made of natural resources—we wish we could get them up on the wall but they have become very heavy with all of the cones, sticks and leaves so colour photocopy will have to work!

French was fun—we are really getting to grips with telling the time. We used the game *Quelle heure est-il Monsieur Loup* to help us remember the phrases and then sang a song to the tune of hickory dickory dock.

Have a well deserved rest everyone and we look forward to seeing you again in November, recharged and ready to go once again!

Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies Update

The Dragonflies class finished off this half term with their reward after having managed to just about, at the last moment, reach their marble total! They played school-wide hide-and-seek,; Duck duck goose; musical chairs and were introduced to the hat game (see if they can remember the rules and you can play at home!).

The children had fun learning their Vital Vocabulary this week, playing charades and giving clues to each other to try to remember the definitions of the (very tricky) words. The class were very imaginative and have been using the words in their descriptive writing really well!

After many weeks of preparation, planning and practice, the class have finally finished their Mayan masks. To close our unit, they held a (bit Tate-modern-esque) gallery of their masks, where they wore them for their peers to walk around and view. The children were really good at giving compliments and constructive criticism and were extremely proud to show off after their hard work.

And work hard they have this half term! They've done brilliantly in their first half term of Year 6, and have truly earned their break.

Have a great week off and we'll see you in November!



Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

