

# Class Updates - 16.09.2022



*Well done Butterflies for settling in so well into St Mary's school routines now that you are in school full-time.*

The children have had a busy week with lots of new opportunities—meeting lovely Year 6 buddies, attending Forest school, and a visit to the church to remember the Queen. The children may be tired while they get used to their full days at school.



The children now have their individual **Reading Records** and they will bring home a list of the GPCs (Grapheme Phoneme Correspondent) and in the future 'tricky words' that they are learning each week.

Please support your child by reading with them as often as you can.

**Have a restful weekend,**

***Mrs Jeewan & EYFS team***



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week, Year 1 have been working very hard! We have been securing our knowledge of place value in maths, reading and writing in English as well as having lots of time to play. We have also started using Mindfulness Books in the afternoon to help us calm down. We can choose what we do in these books and the children are enjoying the free, creative time. This week we also visited the church to pay our respects to Queen Elizabeth II. We wrote in a book, lit a candle and said a prayer. The children were very respectful. We have also been getting ready for Harvest Festival preparing harvest themed artwork and learning all about our bodies and naming and labelling different parts of the body.



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



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Caterpillars have been working brilliantly this week. In maths, we have continued to look at comparing 2-digit numbers and have been counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and forwards and backwards in 10s from any given number. Year 2 have been using their 100 squares carefully to help them with this. In English, we have been carefully researching the lifecycle of a butterfly and have begun to use this research to write our own non-chronological reports.

We headed outside for our science lesson this week so that we could explore the different things that are in our school habitat. We organised the objects that we found into things that are living, things that are dead and things that have never been alive.

We also visited the church this week so that the children could pay their respects to the Queen. The class asked to light a candle from them and many wrote their own messages in the book of condolence. The class behaved impeccably!

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





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

This week, Grasshoppers have earned themselves some class marbles, after a member of the public stopped to talk to us inside the church to say how well-mannered and respectful they were being, whilst paying our respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II. They should all be very proud of themselves. We bowed our heads for two minutes and thought about what the Queen meant to us. We wrote a lovely message inside the condolence book, lit a candle and said a prayer.

In English, Grasshoppers have been using their senses to describe different settings and have been using their imagination to write a piece of narrative writing.

In maths, we have been using ordinal numbers and place value to partition three-digit numbers.

In science, the children investigated magnetic materials around the classroom, making predictions and writing conclusions about our results.

### *Miss Gilmour & the Yr 3 team*





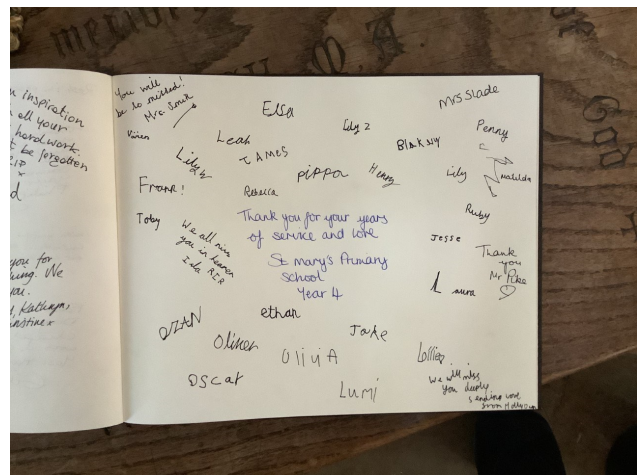
## Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week year 4 have been working on their place value, ordering and comparing numbers up to 4 digits. In English, the children have been writing their non-chronological reports, describing what their mythical creature looks like, what it eats and where it lives. We have also been targeting key spellings and tricky words.

In science, we looked at electrical and non-electrical appliances. The children then sorted electrical appliances into mains and battery powered and those that use both.

On Thursday, we went to the church to reflect on the passing of our Queen and the children had the chance to sign the book of condolences if they wished.

### Mr Pike & the Yr 4 team



## Year 5 Busybees Update



We are proud of our Bees this week—they have shown great maturity in paying respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II by writing a message in the condolences book at church and lighting a candle. Some of the messages were really touching: “You were loyal through and through” ; “We hope that you will still reign over us in heaven” ; “Thank you for being so kind.”

We are very impressed with their hard work on their spellings with lots of great scores last week. There will now be weekly times table challenges so keep practising on TTR! Thank you for your continued support with this, it makes all the difference.

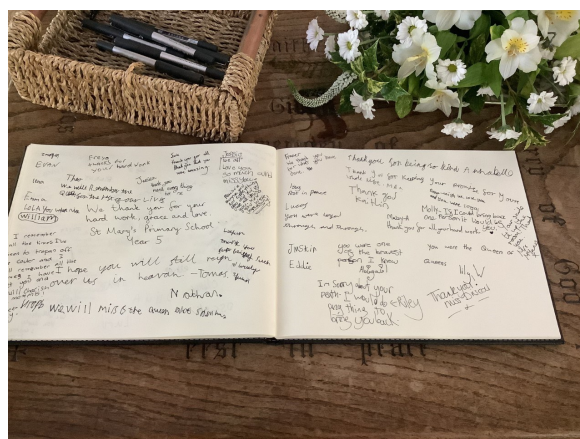
Children showed a good grasp of scientific enquiry as we discussed different pieces of evidence to support the Earth being spherical as well as looking for our own evidence in the playground. They presented their arguments well, making conclusions based on reliable evidence.

We have been discussing the importance of democracy this week and the children have voted for their School Council members—well done to Lena and Eddie. We know that you will do a good job. The teachers also voted for a Worship Council member—well done Jessica!

Lastly, we have started on our Geography unit—Enough for Everyone. We looked at sustainability this week and what are the most important things that we need to live. You will see that there is a recycling challenge as part of your homework which went out today, due back 14th October.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs McInnes, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll*





## Year 6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies have packed in the lessons this week, earning the upcoming three day weekend without a shadow of a doubt!

In English, they began exploring the features of a non-chronological report by examining a text about a fearsome creature. They also combined their English skill with RE to write some lovely Harvest poems. In Maths, the class launched into speed writing and long division. They've persevered really well and it's been great to see the lightbulbs really switching on as they've understood a quite complicated method! They also completed an investigation on the deca tree (ask them about it for more information and see if you can get the answer!).

We had great fun in Science this week; the children learnt about the four types of fossils (ask you child to see if they can remember them!) and then we made our own using plaster of Paris! Some of us extended ourselves by partnering up to try and show how evolution can be seen by comparing fossil records. We acted as palaeontologists and used brushes and implements to unearth our fossils!

We also had great fun using the glockenspiels in music; the kids worked very well together when trying to play along with our song 'Happy!'

Dragonflies also marked the Queen's passing by visiting the church and writing in the book of condolences. They were very respectful and a credit to the school!

Oh, and to cram in one last thing—the class began their gymnastics unit too!



Mr Clark & the Yr 6 team