

# Class Updates - 15.12.2023

## Reception Butterflies update



Wow, the children helped to deliver a wonderful **Nativity in St Mary's Church on Tuesday this week**—well done Butterflies you did an amazing job and Year 1 and Year 2 were fabulous!



Well done to the children who also completed **Early Talk Boost** this week with Miss Willis, and they got their certificates—such wonderful progress children!



Have a relaxing weekend!

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**

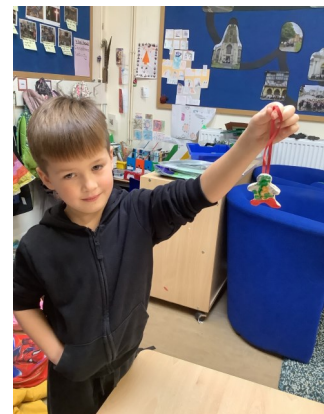


## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have been enjoying our DT project making salt dough Christmas decorations for our trees. We researched and designed them, made the dough and painted the decorations. We were superstars performing our Nativity twice in one week. Once for the school and once for our parents. Everyone sang beautifully and looked amazing in their costumes. Wednesday was modern languages, music and RE day. We sang songs around the campfire in Forest School, made more Christmas decorations and learned about Spanish Christmas. Feliz Navidad todos! We also had a special visit from Henry's aunt Penny Byrne, who came in to read us some of her children's books. What a week!



The Year 1 Team



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update



*What a wonderful week Caterpillar class have had presenting their nativity! We hope you really enjoyed watching our performance, the KS1 team are very proud of all of the children.*

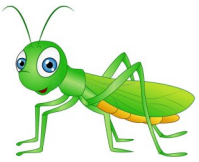
*On Wednesday we had our MFL, RE and music curriculum day. We enjoyed music played by some of our peripatetic pupils, who shared their talents with the class. We enjoyed learning all about Christmas in France, the food they eat, the names of the nativity characters in French, and learnt to sing a French version of jingle bells. We presented our learning to the rest of the school.*

*We also enjoyed a visit from Penny Byrne, the author, who read one of her special books about healthy eating! It was also great to see all of the rules being broken on Friday!*

*Mrs Holmes & the Year 2 team*



## Grasshoppers Update



Yesterday in Year 3, we had a fantastic Ancient Egyptian day. The children came in amazing costumes and fully immersed themselves in the event. To start, the children completed a quiz around our learning during our topic. The children came up with some fantastic answers and I was amazed with their knowledge of this ancient civilisation.

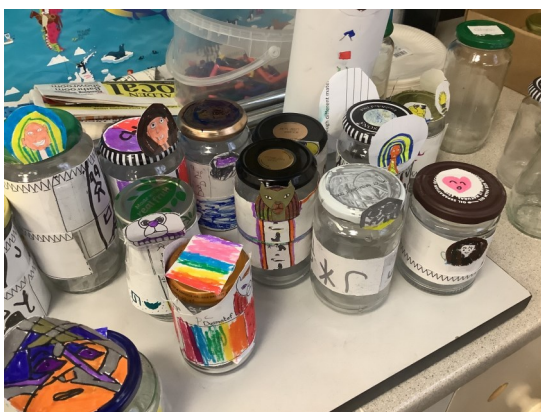
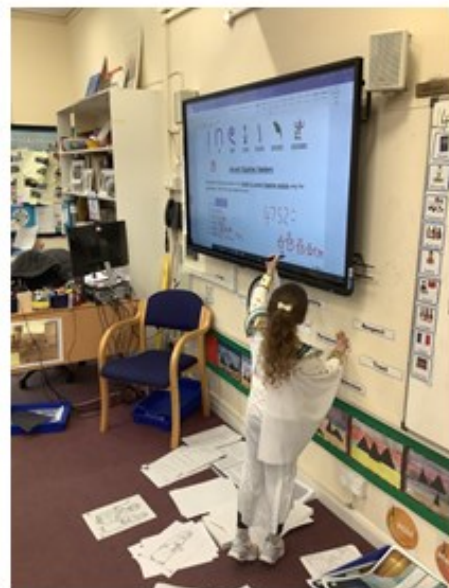
The next part of the day involved analysing and creating our own canopic jars. The children evaluated different jars and used their knowledge to design their own. I loved seeing their creativity throughout this task.

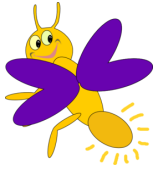
Finally, in the afternoon, the children played some Ancient Egyptian PE involving throwing pretend javelins and creating their own piece of Egyptian jewellery.

I hope the children enjoyed the day and thank you to all parents/carers for organising costumes and resources.

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown and the Y3 team**





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

The last full week of Autumn term has been busy! The class have been creating their toys using junk modelling. They have had to work out how to bring their design to life using materials like cardboard and plastic. They then used paper-mâché to cover their toy, giving it strength and a surface ready to paint. Next, they painted their toys thinking about the details from their design and how best to add them.

On Wednesday, we had an MFL, RE and music day. Year 4's focus country was Poland so we learnt all about how Christmas is celebrated in Poland and their traditions. We listened to Polish Christmas carols and created Christmas cards and posters inspired by the traditions we had read about.

The class also had an opportunity to visit some Soul Stations set up in the new school library where they could learn about God, Christmas as a Christian as well as having a time and place to reflect.

### *Mr Pike & the Yr4 team*





## Year 5 Busybees Update

*What a wonderfully busy week we have had this week! Year 5 have written some persuasive letters detailing the extent to which humans are mistreating our planet. In maths, they have been working through division calculations (including remainders) and they have also been working hard on their DT project — practising four different types of*

*stitches!*

*On Wednesday, we enjoyed a theme day focused around RE, MFL and Music. We learnt about Christmas traditions in Italy, tried some Italian sweet bread and learnt a simple song in Italian. Some members of the class also talked about the musical instruments that they play and did some mini performances for us. The class also visited the soul stations that were set up in our new school library. This gave them the opportunity for some quiet reflection time as well as writing down what they are thankful for this year.*

*During our last few days next week, we will be finishing off our Computing, RE and Science units. On the last day, we will be having a class treat and we will (hopefully!) be watching a PG film—please speak to the class team if you would like to know more about this.*

*Thank you, Bees, for continuing to work hard right to the end of term. We are very proud of you!*

**Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll**





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear parents/carers,

The week before the Christmas holidays has finished and the Year 6s have been working hard to cram in lots of subjects and activities before the holidays!

This week has seen us begin our DT project, with the children designing and creating their own pop-up Christmas books. It has been great to see so many original ideas and the students have combined the skills we've been learning in a myriad of inventive ways!

We also had a great time during our MFL (Modern Foreign Languages), Music and RE day. The children learnt about Weihnachten, the German Christmas period, and it was great to have some of the children share their musical instruments and abilities with the class. The class then looked at some of the German traditions around the Christmas story and recreated one that we took from the Germans—Christmas wreaths!

Dragonflies also began writing our Through the Portal stories, and the description and effort by all the children has been fantastic to see. They're not quite finished yet, but I can't wait to see how they turn out.

*That is for next week though—have a great weekend!*

### Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton

