

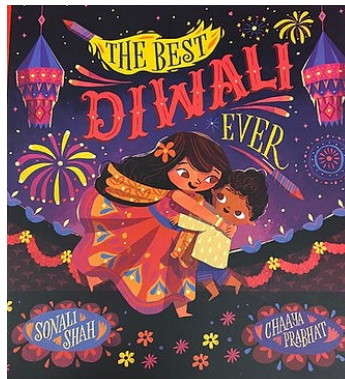
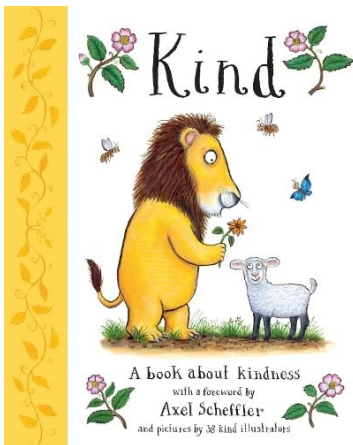
Class Updates - 17.11.2023

Reception Butterflies update



Wow, another fun and busy week, well done Butterflies.

This week has been **Anti-Bullying week** and Butterflies have been talking about their friends and how we can show each other respect and kindness. In Reception we do not use the language 'bullying' but instead we talk about how we can do kind things for each other. We read together '**Kind**', by **Axel Scheffler**, which is an inspiring picture book about the many ways children can be kind, from sharing their toys and games to making those from other countries feel welcome. It is also good to note that if you would like to get this book for your child, 50p from the sale of each printed copy goes to 'Three Peas', a charity which gives help to refugees from war-torn countries.



This week we have also celebrated **Diwali, the Hindu festival of light** and the children made their own clay **diva lamp** as well as colouring in some super Rangoli patterns.



The children have begun to learn songs from this year's KS1 nativity '**A Miracle in Town**'. More information on the Nativity is to follow over the next few weeks.

Wishing you all have a super weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

The children have shown great skill in maths this week—identifying and sorting their 3D shapes as well as completing challenges to construct towers and working out which shapes rolled and which didn't.



Tuesday was so fun—we were lucky enough to win some free gymnastics sessions with Premier Education. Mr Paynter taught us lots of different shapes including: the pike, the L, straight pencil, tuck, dish, straddle, star, front support and back support (that was the hardest!). We hope that those who have signed up for the club enjoy it! If we couldn't squeeze your child into this club, and they are currently on the waiting list, we are looking to see if we can continue this club after Christmas. Watch this space! We have been talking about our personal history in Topic lessons and making timelines of our lives with photographs and pictures. In Computing we are still working on digital painting and have been learning to draw shapes and fill in with colour. This week has also been anti bullying week so we have been talking about what bullying looks like and how we can treat each other with kindness and compassion. We really enjoyed reading the book Kind by Alison Green and have been thinking about how we can be kind in little ways every day. **The Year 1 Team**

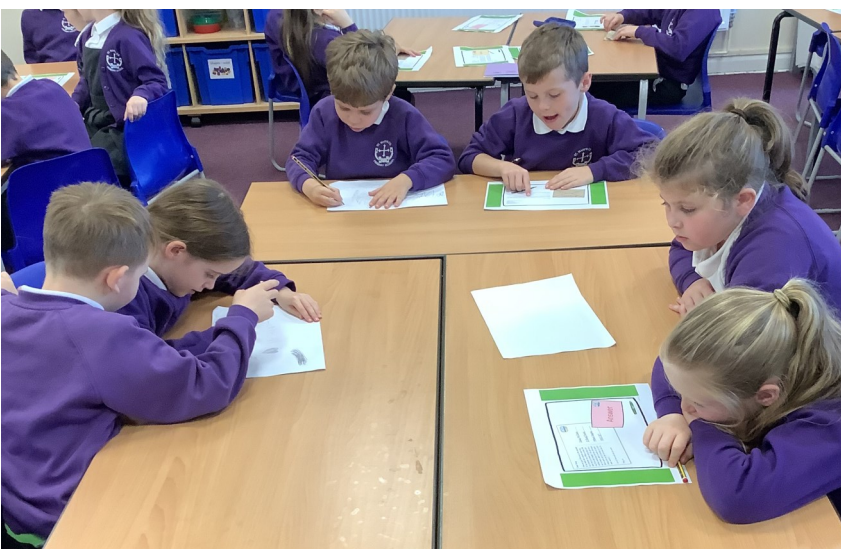




Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We had a fabulous day on Friday in our non-uniform in aid of Children in Need and have had discussions throughout the week in aid of Anti-bullying week. We looked closely at how we are all different and different scenarios that could happen. We sorted these scenarios into friendly and unfriendly and had a class discussion about how we would deal with these scenarios. This week in PE we have come to the end of our ball skills topic, using our feet to control, pass and shoot a football. We will be moving onto Gymnastics next week. We have been identifying features of formal and informal letters in English, looking closely at their layout. In Maths, we have extended our knowledge and understanding of subtraction by crossing 10, this relates to exchanging tens for ones so that subtraction can be made using equipment. We are currently working really hard at learning the songs for our Nativity and have stuck the children's own lines into the inside cover of their reading records. Please practice these at home as much as possible. We have seen a huge improvement in their reading across the class and have been very proud of all their hard work. Please continue to read daily at home.

Mrs Holmes & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

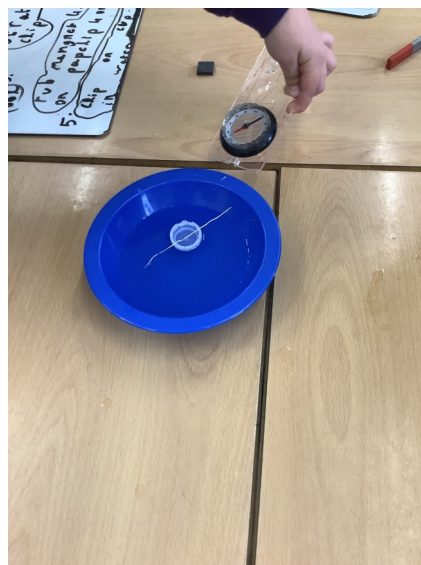
Grasshoppers,

Due to it being anti-bullying week, we had a session focussing on kindness, compassion and respect of others. Firstly, we identified the different types of bullying and what they might look like. Then, we watched a short video called 'For the birds' and tried to identify the types of bullying we could see in the clip. Finally, we discussed the importance of telling people-specifically adults at home and in school to help.

In Science this week, we completed an experiment in which the pupils made their own compasses. We used paper clips, a bowl full of water, a magnet and a bottle lid in order to make this. Once we had magnetised the paper clip, we were able to see the compass move and to face north.

Finally, in maths, the children have been working so hard on addition and subtraction. We have used a formal method, in order to solve these questions. I have been impressed how the children have persevered with this tricky topic.

**Have a fantastic weekend,
Mr Brown and the Y3 team**





Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week has been national Anti-Bullying Week so we have been focusing on this theme. The children created anti-bullying posters to show that our school is an anti-bully zone. We also created a kindness calendar for next week. The class chose an act of kindness to do each day of the week, for example: making someone smile, giving a compliment, helping someone out and being a friend. The theme of this years Anti-Bullying Week is 'Make a Noise About Bullying' so we designed odd socks to show how important it is to be individual and unique!

On Tuesday, year 4 had a gymnastics workshop where they learnt different gymnastic skills such as: creating shapes, transitions and movements.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update

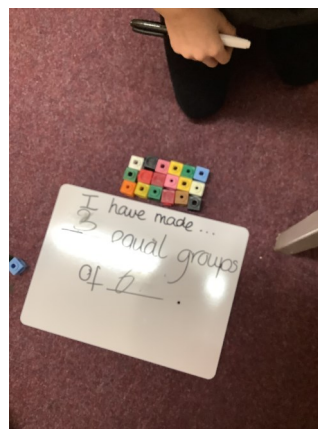
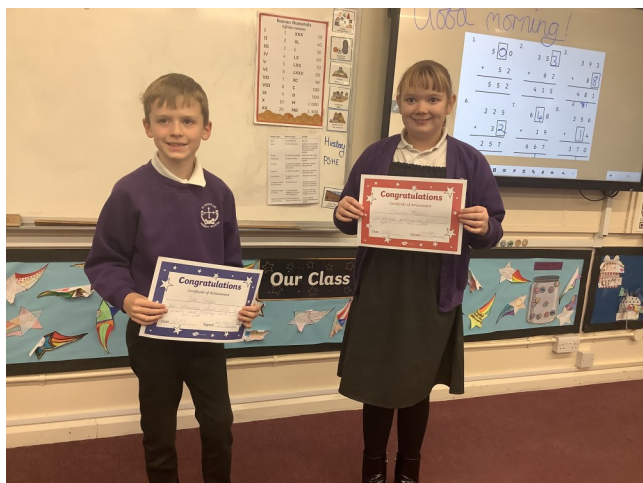


A very productive week in Bees this week! The children have been working out square and cube numbers in maths and in English we have started a new story writing unit. In Science, we did an investigation on air resistance and had lots of fun testing out parachutes on the adventure playground (whilst being swept away by the wind!). We had a wonderful time with the producer from Star Radio recording our Christmas song. This will be live on air on Tuesday 28th November at 6.30am, 7.30am and 8.30am.

Late in the week we got creative during our Art lesson and produced landscapes in the style of Gustav Klimt. He was influenced by Matisse and Munch so once we had looked at examples of their work we planned our own work and painted some beautiful scenes.

This week was Anti-Bullying Week and the class took time to think what 'banter' is and how it can affect people differently. The children showed maturity thinking about how people can find words hurtful and what we can do to prevent this. The children also gave thoughtful responses to problems in an 'agony aunt' style. Great work Bees!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have completed a varied range of lessons this week—from writing persuasive letters to designing posters and everything else in between!

In Maths, the children have been wrapping their heads around angles (not angels, as many of them wrote down at first...). We've been looking at drawing angles and measuring them with a protractor, before trying to use estimation to do the same!

The class had a good time learning about Ancient Egyptian medicine—we had a relay race to try and find as much information about their practices as we could; some of their ideas led to some pretty gruesome attempts to heal people!

We also considered bullying and kindness in light of Anti-Bullying week. The children discussed what bullying is but also how to consider using kind words—can your child remember the three tests one should go through before saying something? Afterwards, the class created their own posters to try to highlight and push kindness in the school. Some of their ideas were really inspired!

In Computing, we learnt to add and scale pictures to our website. The children's coding skills are coming along really well and some of the things they've remembered have been very impressive!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton

