

# Class Updates - 10.11.2023

## Reception Butterflies update



Wow, what another busy week!

The children have been busy learning about why we celebrate with fireworks on 5th November and enjoyed finding out about the **Gun Powder Plot** and Guy Fawkes. The children created some wonderful firework art and many were able to talk about the fireworks they had seen at the weekend.



The children have also been learning how we remember those who have lost their lives during wars for **Remembrance Day**. The children sat and listened to a story and then joined in with the 'This Remembrance Day' song. Butterflies enjoyed creating poppies and wanted to talk about them with their adults and explain what the poppies represent.



**Reading**—we will be sending home '**tricky**' words which you can use to support your child with their reading at home. You can also find them on the Parent Page of the Little Wandle Revised Letters & Sounds website.

Have a great weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

What fun we've had this week talking about Bonfire Night and how we used all of our wonderful senses—smelling the smoke, hearing the fizzes and bangs of the fireworks and tasting the hot chocolate! We've gathered lots of ideas and done really well using our phonics to help us write them down.



We've started a new unit on materials in science—the children really impressed us when we went outside to be materials detectives, working out what the objects were made of ... We still have to work out what leaves are made from! Forest school is always full of leaves and this week we used them to practise our leaf cutting skills and decorated them using bright chalk pens. Some of them looked like fireworks! We had a whole school Remembrance service at the church on Friday and made poppy art to share with the rest of the school. In Topic we have begun talking about our history and looked at pictures of ourselves from the past and put them on a timeline. Thank you to everybody who attended our parents and carers consultations it was a great opportunity to meet everyone properly and talk about the children's progress.



**The Year 1 Team**

## Year 2 Caterpillars Update



We have had a brilliant week this week in Caterpillar class, it has been lovely speaking with you all this week during the Parent/Carer Consultations.

On Monday, we had a visitor called Nicola, who came to St Marys 50 years ago. The children asked her many questions about her time here, the school layout, her uniform and the school rules. They studied photos of her from school, her uniform and her class. They looked closely at the teachers in the photos and the school in the background.

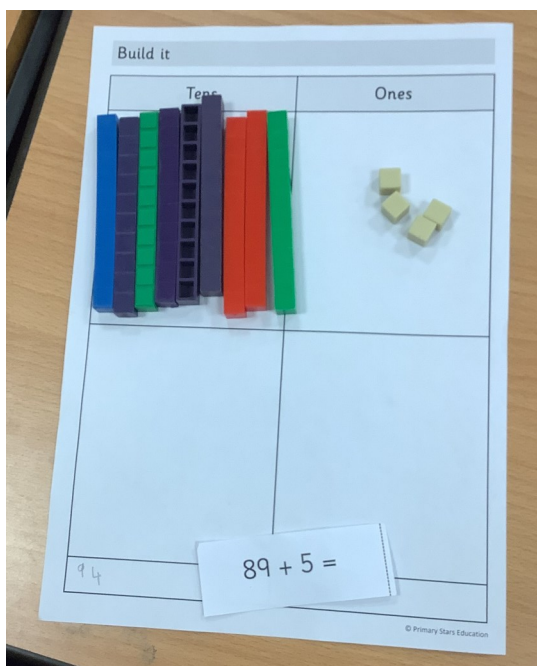


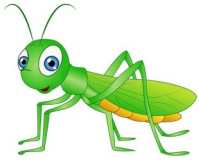
In maths this week, we have been looking at adding and subtracting crossing 10. This has been a tricky concept that we will continue with next week.

In PE we have continued with ball skills, playing games like mud monster, stuck in the mud and caught in the middle, using their dribbling skills to catch and evade defenders and attackers.

We enjoyed ourselves at the church in honour of Remembrance Day. We painted some red and purple poppies, to remember the soldiers and animals that died.

*Mrs Holmes  
& the Year 2  
team*





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

For Remembrance Day, we created our own poppies to take with us to the service. To do this, the children used buttons and threaded pipe cleaners through them. Once we did this, we used coffee filters to paint and colour them in. The children did a fantastic job doing this and enjoyed creating their own poppy.

In Maths, we have moved onto subtraction using exchanging. The children start by labelling the numbers and exchanging them for 2- and 3-digit numbers. I have been impressed with how well the children have tackled this tricky aspect of maths.

Finally, the children attended a dodgeball tournament on Wednesday at the Leisure Centre. They were then put into different teams and played games against teams from other schools. The children were fantastic at persevering, and they showed respect for their opposition. Well done, Year 3!

**Have a fantastic weekend,**

**Mr Brown and the Y3 team**





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

For Remembrance Day this year, we have made poppy stained glass. To do this, the children put a clear plastic sheet over a poppy template and used red and black tissue paper to collage the shape of a poppy. We then took these to the church on Friday for our whole school Remembrance service. In maths, the class have been multiplying and dividing by ten and multiples of ten as well as using their times tables knowledge and formal written methods to solve given problems.

In English, we started our new myths unit by looking at the story of Pandora's Box. They then came up with arguments for and against why she should or shouldn't have opened the box. Next, I revealed a box that said DO NOT OPEN on it and told the class it may have something good or bad in it. The class then had to give arguments for and against whether they should open it. They then voted, as a class, and we opened the box to reveal 3 marbles towards their final end of term reward so the risk paid off!

### *Mr Pike & the Yr4 team*

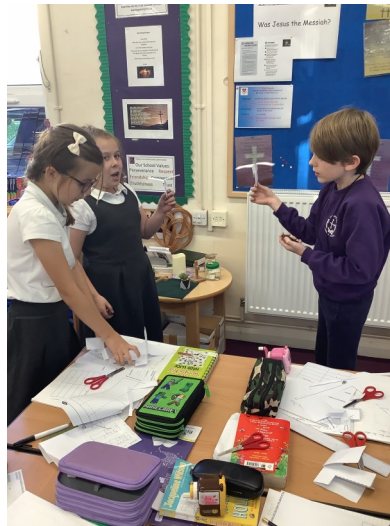


## Year 5 Busybees Update



***A great week in Bees class again! Science was full of fun as we created an experiment to find out how and why objects fall to Earth. We wanted to see if we could alter the speed that our paper helicopters fell to Earth, so we decided to change the size of the helicopter but kept all other variable the same. The class also had a great time during our Computing lesson as we tried to make familiar objects using a distinct set of shapes—creativity was the key! In our Art session we learnt about mythical creatures and how Gustav Klimt used these to create the Beethoven Frieze in Vienna. We then created our own fearsome creatures which will go on display. Later in the week the choir joined the rest of the school for the church service for Remembrance Day. They did a fantastic job. Well done, Bees—you are flying high!***

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





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We've had a great week in Dragonflies class—the children have started some trickier maths, such as the properties of 3D shapes and finding the area and perimeter of compound shapes (including the area of a triangle: ask your child if they can remember the formula to work out a triangle's area).

We've also had a great time learning the different parts of blood! The children created their own blood using items to represent the red blood cells, the white blood cells, the platelets and the plasma. See if they can tell you the job each of the part of blood plays in the body!

We also got creative in the real world and in the cyber world. The children made poppies for Remembrance day and learnt how to add pictures to websites, controlling the size and location of the pictures using inline CSS.

And, of course, no week is finished without a HIIT session before the weekend—the whole class' favourite lesson of all. The children have been pushing themselves well and they clearly, despite their lamentations, love it (as I'm sure they'll tell you)!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you on Monday,

**Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton**

