

Class Updates - 13.10.2023



Reception Butterflies update

Another super week of learning Butterflies!

The children learnt their last few Autumn 1 phonemes/graphemes in **Phonics** and have impressed us with their keenness to actively take part in Phonics lessons and many are beginning to orally blend sounds to read words, such as cat, dog, cup, man, duck and the **tricky words 'I', 'is' and 'the'**.

The children are enjoying talking about their wordless books and after half term, many will begin reading **Phase 2** books. Well done to those children who are reading at home, it makes such a difference and helps build their confidence.

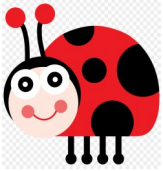
The children have been learning about the **season of Autumn** and we went on an very unseasonably hot and sunny 'Autumn' walk this week. The children still had a great time looking for signs of Autumn and using magnifying glasses to get up close...



The children in comparison had a very an Autumnal Forest School which was very wet and muddy but they had lots of fun and demonstrated great resilience!

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & the EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

What fun we've had this week learning about instructions to make fruit kebabs! We designed our kebabs and followed instructions to make and eat our own, which was so much fun, we then wrote our own instructions using our best handwriting. Well done for all of your efforts this week Ladybirds. Tasting all of the delicious fruit helped us with our science as well as we talked about the sense of taste and how to describe lots of different foods. We have been making maps of school in our Topic lesson and making beautiful music on the glockenspiels practising our class rap 'Hey You'.



Miss Nicholson, Mrs McInnes and the Year 1 Team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

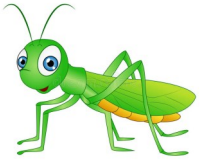


It has been amazing seeing the innovative spaceships the children have made as part of their homework, they have all been so proud of their creations. Cricket has continued in PE this week, they have practised batting, bowling, throwing, catching and wicket keeping. We have also started our skipping challenge. In art this week we investigated line drawing and set ourselves a challenge of drawing without taking the pencil off the paper. We have some very interesting, creative masterpieces! In English, we have been planning instructions to give to Beegu on 'How to survive Earth'. Thinking carefully about what we need to survive and how this could help Beegu on her journey. In music, we had a go at playing the glockenspiels to a very well rehearsed song we have been learning over the past few weeks. We continue to complete daily phonics sessions, which are linked to the spelling words sent home. We ask you to please continue listening to your child read as much as possible .

Mrs Holmes & the Year 2 team



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



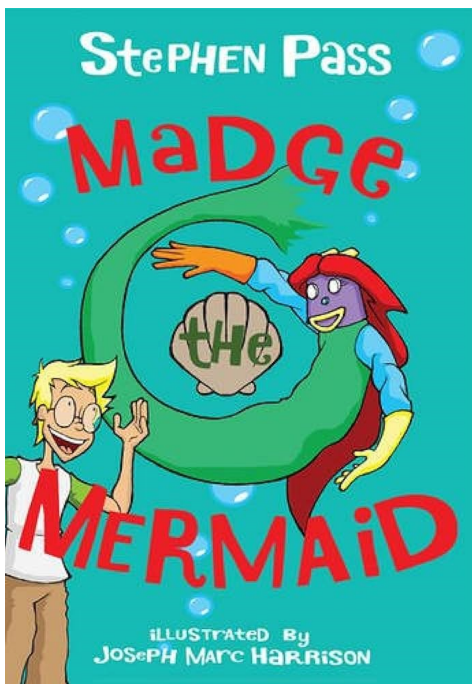
This week in Year 3, we were lucky to have a virtual author visit from Stephen Pass. We started off by reading a couple of chapters of his book 'Madge the Mermaid', and we listened to the inspiration behind the story. Next, we sang songs that were in the story together with some actions and explored the poems within the story. After our break, Stephen spoke to us about the writing and illustration process, including editing work and how we do this vital process with our writing within the school. Finally, the class had a go at writing their names in shorthand before doing a final song before the end of the session.

I hope the children enjoyed the workshop and there is an opportunity to purchase books- the information will be going out today.

In our History lessons this week, we did an archaeological dig to find some Egyptian artefacts. The children then had to answer a series of questions about what they found and what we could learn from it.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Y3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week in year 4, we have been solving addition and subtraction problems, which include: missing number triangles and pyramids. We are nearly ready to move on to multiplication and division. In English, the children have been writing non-chronological reports about their mystical creatures. We also had a virtual visit from an author called Stephen Pass. He did a workshop all about being an author and the class enjoyed completing different activities using his book 'Madge the Mermaid' as a theme.

In history, we looked at Alexander the Great—who he was, what he was known for and the impact he had on the Greek period. In groups, the children created freeze-frames showing key events from his life and rule. In RE, we looked at the 10 Commandments and discussed what they mean in a modern society. The class also thought about what commandments they would come up with to live by in their own lives.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



Year 5 have had a fantastic week. They have worked hard in English to create expressive writing using expanded noun phrases to add detail to descriptions about space. In PSHE the children took the time to think about the different types of problems or worries they might have and categorised these into green, amber or red problems. Red problems need help to solve or to navigate, so if your child asks you for help with a red problem get ready to listen. We discussed how not all problems can be solved, but it's good to talk about them and share our worries as this can help keep them in proportion. In Science we went outside and enacted our solar system—we took turns at being planets rotating around the Sun. We learnt the term heliocentric and geocentric. Can your child remember what these mean?

Well done, Bees—another awesome week.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

So we come to the end of the penultimate week of the half term, and the class have been focused on getting our Mayan Masks ready for their final touches next week!

The class first created the structure of the mask from their designs using plaster of Paris. Then, we added the base-layer colour. We mixed glue in with the paint to ensure that our second layer of paint won't mix with the base. The masks are really starting to come together!

We also looked at Charles Darwin and some of his findings on the HMS Beagle in the Galapagos Islands! The class used 'beaks' from different birds to test out how they would work with different types of food on different islands. Darwin realised that the beaks of birds weren't random. Can your child explain how birds with specific beak shapes came to live on specific islands?

Dragonflies also had a lesson in Maths recapping all they've learnt about fractions and percentages—but, there was a twist! They had to find their own worksheets online on specific areas. We're trying to build up the children's independence, so now they should have the skills to do any self-study at home on topics they're not feeling 100% about (and this will be a great habit to get into before they take the big leap up to Secondary School in September!).

***Have a great weekend,
Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton***

