

Class Updates - 15.09.2023



Butterflies update:

Well done to all the children for settling in so well to the life of St Mary's. We have had a very busy first transition week and it was been lovely to see the children making new friends.



The children enjoyed their first lunch in the hall and they are looking forward to meeting their Year 6 buddies next week.

We have started **Phonics lessons** and so far the children have learnt the GPCs 's', 'a', 't', 'p'. For more information please come to our **Little Wandle Phonics Workshop on Tuesday (9am or 6pm)**. Please visit **Little Wandle Letters & Sounds Revised website:**

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Mr Jarmain will also talk about how to encourage independence.

Just a reminder from next week:

- **PE will be on Wednesdays**
- **Forest School will be on Thursdays**

On Fridays we will have Show and Tell, I will send a memo on Tapestry when it is your child's house/colour group and they can bring something in from home.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week,

Mrs Jeewan & the EYFS team

Butterfly Class Team

Mrs Jeewan—Class Teacher

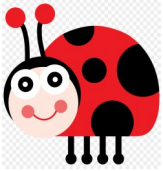
Miss Hunter—Class Teaching Assistant (Mon-Thurs)

Miss Murnane—Class Teaching Assistant (Fridays) & Midday Assistant

Mrs Tagg—Class Learning Support Assistant & Midday Assistant

Miss Willis—Class Teaching Assistant (Tues morning), S&L/Inclusion Support





Year 1 Ladybirds Update



Welcome back to school! Our new Ladybirds have done so well this week getting back into the school routine.

We have spent a lot of time going over the school values and expectations for this year, making a class agreement together and having lots of chats about what the words safe, effort and respect mean to us. We have begun our new topic 'Me and My Town' with a walk around Saffron Walden town centre looking at the important landmarks. They've shown some brilliant maths skills, identifying numbers using numicon, sorting/counting objects and getting to grips with number bonds to 10. If you can do any extra practice of this at home it would really help them. We've been reviewing our sounds in phonics and writing all about ourselves in English. We are sending books and homework home with the children this Friday. Please make sure they bring their reading folders into school every day.

The Year 1 team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

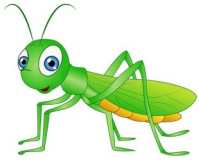


A huge welcome back, what a busy week we have had in Caterpillar class! We have created our own class rules and recapped our school values.

In English this week we started looking at our class book for this half term– Beegu. We watched a short clip of a spaceship flying across the adventure playground and investigated the spaceship that had landed. We have made predictions about our new class story and discussed what we like and dislike about the first illustration. We've started our place value unit in maths and they've shown me how great they are at writing their numbers to 100! In RE we have started looking at creation and had a go at roleplaying the creation story. We have really enjoyed practicing our catching and batting skills in Cricket this week.

Mrs Holmes & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

The children have had an excellent week in Grasshoppers. Everyone has settled really well into Year 3 in our first whole week back! In Maths, we have been looking at place value. We have looked at the value of each individual number, reading and writing numbers in words and numerals and finally, comparing numbers. Throughout the week, the children have completed some problem-solving activities around this topic and secured their knowledge of place value.

In English, the children have been looking at securing some elements of SPaG they will need for our genre unit. We have been looking at prepositions, adverbs and conjunctions in order to help us with our writing.

Finally, we have been lucky enough to have a cricket session in PE. During the session, we looked at batting and fielding skills. I was very impressed with how the children all persevered!

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Y3 team





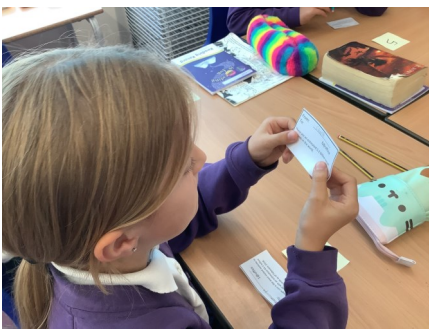
Year 4 Fireflies Update

Welcome to Year 4! I am so happy with the really strong start by the children. They have been super focused and started the year confidently and ready to learn.

We have started our history topic by looking at where Greece is and the features that made it such a successful empire. In PSHCE, we looked at potential risks the children may face, both positive and negative. We then discussed how taking risks can be beneficial or avoided when dangerous. In maths, we have looked at the place value of numbers to 100 000 as well as ordering and comparing numbers using this skill. In English, we are using the Anthony Browne book 'The Tunnel' to describe characters and settings with the aim to create our own land through the tunnel.

In computing, we looked at what the internet is and how it works. The class experienced how a message is sent in a practical way.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



What a great start to the new year and a fantastic first full week! The children have settled incredibly well and are establishing positive routines.

We have started our Geography project about the Alps, using atlases and labelling our own maps, and have started our unit on Non-Chronological reports in English.

In maths, we have been looking at number and place value and we also enjoyed our first cricket lesson this week. A gentle reminder that PE days are now Mondays and Fridays (Fridays being our swimming day).

In our PSHCE lesson we thought about the types of feelings we have when we are new to something, maybe when we are starting a new club or even a new school. In small groups we made board games to represent how it feels—positive things that can happen, and also the scary stuff. There were many interesting points made.

We have started looking at Space and Earth in Science and some of the children wanted the link to a day and night map we have been using. Please find this below:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/sunearth.html?iso=20230913T1052&earth=1>

Well done, Bees—a fantastic start to the year. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies have begun Year 6 with a whole host of activities! We kicked off our Mayan topic by going on an expedition to the New World, where we explored some pictorial representations of the Maya and came up with questions about their civilisation.

We were also very lucky to be chosen to have a WWI theme day, provided by the Aviation Society Trust, who brought a flight simulator with VR. As well as giving us prizes for poetry and art representations of an aerial dogfight (shout-out to the girls who got chosen for their work!), we also had a talk from an engineer (he had a background in building robots!). The children had a great time and even some of the teachers got a go!

In Art, we began looking at Mayan masks, looking towards making our own ones eventually. Ask your child if they can tell you anything about how the Mayans used masks!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you Monday!

Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton

