

Class Updates - 06.12.2024

Reception Butterflies update



Another week has flown by in Butterfly class, packed with activities!

We began the week with a trip to the town Library, where we learned all about how to find books and borrow them. The staff at the library were very impressed with how well the children listened and behaved in the library. Kairo was so inspired, he couldn't wait to go back, so we visited the school library too!



We have been feeling wintry and festive, so we have been doing lots of snowflake art and fine motor activities.



In Maths, we have been looking at 2D shapes, recognising, sorting and making patterns with them and in English we have been learning more about winter festivals and doing lots of independent spelling and writing!



Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Marks and Miss Brighten



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week has been very busy preparing for the Nativity. We have been learning songs, actions and the nativity story. We have been making Christmas tree decorations in forest school, using our cutting and weaving skills. In PSHCE we have been thinking about the people who are special to us. We tried really hard to draw them. We enjoyed the panto performance of Rapunzel and Christmas jumper day this week!

Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade.





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We have had another incredibly busy week in Year 2! Here are some of the things Caterpillars have been doing:

The highlight of our week has been the Nativity rehearsals! The children have been working hard to learn their lines, perfect their songs, and bring the story to life. I have been so impressed with how hard the children have worked on this performance, Well done Year 2!

In Computing, we've been exploring how technology helps us in our daily lives. The children have learned about different uses of computers, from sending emails to finding recipes online. We've also discussed the importance of finding balance—making time for outdoor play, reading, and other activities alongside screen time.

Our reading focus has been on non-chronological reports. The children have been diving into texts on various topics, identifying key facts, and answering questions to deepen their understanding. It's wonderful to see their confidence grow as they develop this important skill.

Finally, the children loved the Pantomime performance. It was lovely to see the Year 2 children get involved and be so confident in using their speaking skills.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



The class have been working hard doing their maths assessments. It has been great to see them confidently using their skills.

In English, we are writing a letter from the boy to his grandad (from The Seal Surfer) telling him all about the events of the story. It has been amazing to see how far the class' writing has developed since starting in September.

In Science, I set the class the challenge to build a bridge to go over a 10cm gap. It also needs to hold a weight. The class worked in pairs to design and make their bridge using different techniques and skills to make it as strong as possible. We will be testing them out next week.

In R.E the children were given different dilemmas and they had to discuss in pairs what would be the moral/ethical thing to do in these given situations. It was great to hear the children's reasoning and that they were making positive choices.

Next week, we will be starting to build the children's vehicles for D.T. so if you have any junk modelling materials at home that could be sent in, it would be much appreciated. We need things like plastic bottles and pots, small cardboard boxes and cardboard tubes.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week, the Fireflies have been busy with Assessment Week. Even so, we have managed to fit in some extra fun lessons.

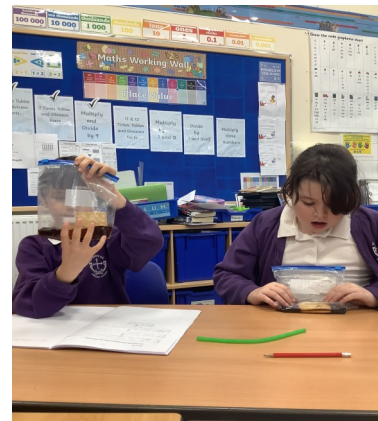
In Science, we did an experiment that represented another part of the digestive process in humans. This time, it was the turn of the stomach. We replicated this muscle, that squeezes food and its 'digestive juices,' by placing crackers and an acid (cola or orange juice) into a zip loc bag then massaging it for two minutes. The mushy liquid that was produced would now be ready to be absorbed by the small intestine and into the blood stream. We then learnt about scientific diagrams, which generated excellent, detailed drawings from the class. Some children chose to take their stomachs home!

In French, we played a fun game that helped us learn the vocabulary for some cold-weather garments whilst eating chocolate!

Funnily enough, RE also featured chocolate this week. This time in the form of Twix bars as these were a visual representation, to the children, of The Holy Trinity. They are made up separately of biscuits, caramel and chocolate yet altogether they are still a Twix. Another example was in different states water could be: steam, ice or liquid yet it remains the same substance. Hopefully this helped the children to understand the Christian belief in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The pantomime was a fantastic reward, from the PTA, for all the hard work we have been doing this term.

Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss. Humphreys.



Year 5 Busybees Update



A HUGE well done to our Year 5 team this week. They have worked incredibly hard completing all their assessments and we are very proud of them! In between all the assessments, they have also been perfecting the 5 note swing on the glockenspiels in Music, increasing their fitness levels in PE and in computing this week they have continued to look at vector drawings. The children refined their skills using google drawing. They tried sizing, grouping and ungrouping and learnt that if they didn't group them the drawing doesn't hold its formation. The children also enjoyed the pantomime on Wednesday morning with some of our class taking part as the village people!

In French we've been working on asking 'how much/ how many'? They are gaining confidence, which is lovely to see. History is all about the Tudors and this week the children learned about the wives of Henry VIII. And finally, Science is all about Galileo Galilei, so all in all another busy week!



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighten



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week!

In English, we began our Through the Market descriptive unit. The children were captivated by a fantasy story about a girl named Kathleen who found herself whisked away to a magical market. They loved exploring the vibrant setting and are already brimming with ideas for their own crazy items and prices for their own markets!

In Maths, we've been learning how to draw line graphs and interpret the data they show. The children worked hard to create their own graphs and answered a range of questions, including some challenging estimation problems.

In Computing, we continued improving our websites by working with <div> tags. The children learned how these tags help to organise web pages, making them look professional and easy to navigate.

In French, we turned our attention to geography, learning about the countries that border France. The children practiced describing them using the compass and enjoyed combining their language skills with a bit of geography. Can your child tell you which country is *au nord* of France?

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly the school panto! The children had a wonderful time watching the performance and even got a picture with the actor, commemorating the last panto they'll see at St Mary's!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll

