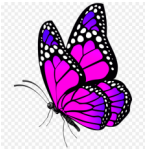


# Class Updates - 08.11.2024

## Reception Butterflies update



Welcome back from the much needed half term break! The children all seem well rested and ready to take on the new term.

We have started our new topic 'Let's celebrate!' focusing on different festivals and celebrations around the world. We began on November 5th with bonfire night celebrations with lots of bonfire night activities such as making our own bonfires in the Forest school out of twigs, branches and autumn leaves and creating firework art with different materials. We learned the story of Guy Fawkes and the significance behind the celebration.

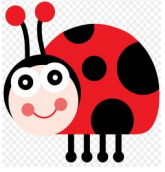
On Friday we will be in the church to mark Remembrance Day. All the children have made poppies to take with them and we have been learning about why we wear poppies to remember all the brave members of the armed forces who keep us safe.



**Don't forget to book your parent consultation next week, Tuesday 12th/ Thursday 14th November 15.30-18.30. Any problems, do let us know.**

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

## Year 1 Ladybirds Update



Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the half term break. This week we have started our new English focus- writing a diary. We have started by looking at our class book, *Meesha makes friends*. We have started our incarnation topic in RE, focusing on why Christmas matters to Christians. In computing, we had a go at logging ourselves into the chrome books and explored the features on Google Canva, using different tools to create a picture. In Forest school we decorated conkers, climbed trees and made our own games, like noughts and crosses, using our conkers. This week in geography, we looked closely at our school using aerial and birds eye views.



Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

We've had an exciting and busy week in Year 2! Here's a look at what we've been working on in class:

This week in maths, we have been learning to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s. The children have been practising these number patterns, both forward and backward. We've been using practical activities, such as counting objects, playing number games, and working with number lines to build confidence. The children are improving their ability to quickly recall these sequences, which helps with their multiplication and division skills.

In English, we've been exploring prepositions! The children have been learning words that tell us where things are, like **in**, **on**, **under**, **behind**, and **next to**. We've been using these in sentences and practising by giving directions or describing where things are in pictures.

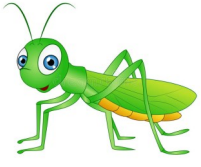
As we approach Remembrance Day, we've been learning about why this day is so important. The children have been exploring the significance of poppies and reflecting on the theme of remembrance. Using this as inspiration, the class has created beautiful poppy-themed paintings, which we're displaying in the classroom. These artworks serve as a wonderful way for the children to express their understanding of this meaningful occasion.

We are very excited to have started our new topic, *Our Wonderful World*. This topic will include aspects of Geography such as: the wonders of nature and the environment. So far, the children have been exploring different countries, continents, and oceans. The children have shown great curiosity, asking lots of questions, and they are looking forward to discovering even more in the coming weeks.

Finally, as part of our efforts to support your child's reading progress, I kindly ask that you record their reading in their reading records each time they read at home. This helps us track their development and encourages a consistent reading routine.

### Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

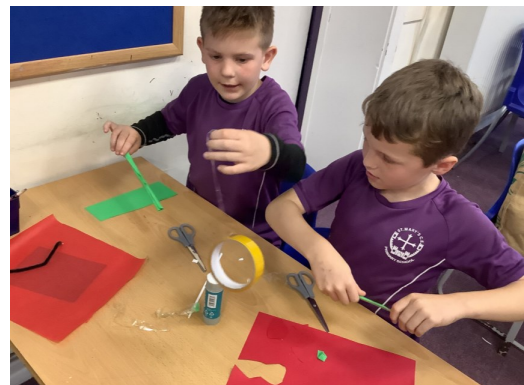
Welcome back Grasshoppers, I hope you had a restful half term. It was lovely to hear all about what the children got up to in their recount writing on Tuesday.

In Maths, we have moved onto formal written method for addition and subtraction. This consists of column method. The class have picked it up well so far, especially where no exchanging or regrouping is required. They are finding it a bit trickier when the answers bridge 10 or 100 in addition.

For our Remembrance Service, at St Mary's Church, on Friday the class made poppies and we spoke about why remembrance is so important and what the poppies represent. The class also wrote poems around this theme.

***New spellings will be coming home today. Also just a quick reminder that homework is due in on Friday 6th December.***

**Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye**





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

The Fireflies had a very busy, very practical end to their first half of the Autumn term.

They participated in an Inter house Tag rugby competition with the Year 3s, where they played a variety of games including the very popular 'Rob the Nest.' Well done to Air house who were the overall winners.

We celebrated *Light Day* by coming to school in our most fabulous, colourful clothes and learnt about the Spanish festival *Las Fallas de Valencia*. The class were astounded to hear that on the final night – Crema, along with a spectacular firework display, the beautiful works of art created for the festa would all end up burnt on the bonfire. In celebration of Las Fallas, we created our own unique 'fireworks'.

Rounding off the day, the Fireflies thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a Diwali workshop, where they learnt a special dance routine to accompany the story of Rama and Sita.

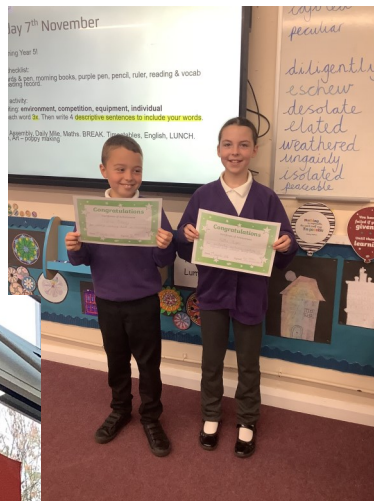
Mrs. Dell, Mrs. Norman and Miss Humphreys.



## Year 5 Busybees Update



***A great first week back after half term! It was lovely to hear about all the different adventures that the children got up to during half term. This week, we have started a new English unit based on diary entries. We have been learning about different Black heroes from the past and present and researching what they have achieved in their lives. The video of Bessie Coleman and her peers was particularly exciting! We have also started a new book about the explorer, Matthew Henson. In maths, we have been recapping previously learnt skills from last half term before starting a new unit on fractions next week. The children enjoyed a class quiz on multiples and factors. We started a new unit in Computing looking at vector drawings as well as learning the importance behind Remembrance Day. Some of the Year 5 class took part in a tag rugby event on Wednesday—they worked extremely hard and went on to achieve 2nd place—fantastic teamwork! In Science, we've been learning about gravity and using Newton meters. In History, we've been creating poppies as part of our Remembrance activities. Well done to Year 5 for a great start back at school!***



***Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Flack and Ms Brighton***



## Y6 Dragonflies Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Year 6 have returned from the half-term break refreshed and ready to dive into new learning adventures!

In English, we kicked off a brand-new unit on climate change. The children watched a series of videos, analysing the intended audience for each one and discussing how different approaches can help spread awareness. We had some thoughtful discussions about the impact of climate change on our planet and brainstormed ways we could make a difference. The class showed a lot of maturity and empathy, and I'm excited to see how they'll use this knowledge as we continue the unit (and even outside the classroom!). Our new Maths unit on shape brought us into the world of 2D shapes as we started exploring their properties. Ask your child if they can tell you the properties of an isosceles triangle or a parallelogram!

To top off an exciting first week back, many of our Year 6 students represented the school at a rugby tournament held at Katherine Semar School. The teams played exceptionally well, showcasing teamwork, resilience, and skill (all the work from Ms Driscoll and Mr Jarmain really paid off and Year 6 would like to give them a big thank-you for all the extra sessions they ran!). A big congratulations to one of our Year 6 teams for qualifying for the next round—we're all cheering you on!

Have a wonderful weekend,

**Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll**

