

# Class Updates - 20.09.2024

## *Reception Butterflies update*

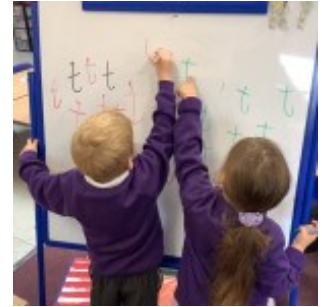


Butterflies have just finished their first full week of school! All the children have amazed us with their resilience and have settled into all the new routines very well!

We have started our Phonics programme, looking at the sounds **s**, **a**, **t**, **p** and how to write them.

In Maths we have been matching, sorting and comparing.

We read the story 'Seaweed Soup' and reenacted the story, sharing out sets of bowls, spoons, cups and napkins for the toys.



We had a dance and movement session in the Hall, dancing to songs with different actions and learning how to move around in the large space safely and listening to instructions.

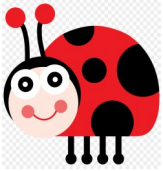
The children have all met their Year 6 buddies who have been fantastic at helping them in the lunch hall and on the playground.

On Thursday, they had their first Forest School session with Mrs McInnes, trying out the rope swing, playing in the mud kitchen and exploring the forest.



***Remember to check Tapestry for more updates!***

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



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We've had another busy week this week! On Tuesday we enjoyed playing percussion instruments and some of us even got to play the drum during the drumming workshop. This week in English we have been reading *The Colour Monster*, sequencing the story and relating our own feelings to those of the colour monster. In science we went on a hunt for objects, matching materials to objects and sorting them into groups. We had another fantastic time at Forest school this week, harvesting potatoes, bird finding and making in the mud kitchen. Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle and Mrs Slade



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update



Caterpillars,

Another week has flown by!

This week, in maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge of place value. The children have been focussing on putting the numbers into columns which match their value. We have been using a range of resources in order to show different representations of different numbers.

In English, we have been focussing on our 5 senses. One day, we went outside and found things we could touch, taste (different fruits), smell, see and hear. We then used this to write a descriptive writing piece on a setting.

Finally, in our drumming workshop, the children were fantastic! Some of us were a bit apprehensive before-hand due to the noise, however the class showed perseverance and friendship to help each other enjoy the morning.

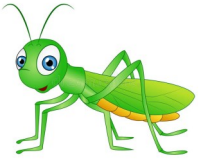
Thank you for all of your hard work this week,

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown and Mrs Wulfse**



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



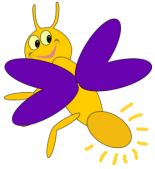
Another busy week in Year 3! This week in Maths, we have been using place value to order 2 and 3 digit numbers. In English, we have continued to build accurate sentences with a focus on using interesting adjectives and verbs.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from professional drummer Jeff Rich. The children loved learning about the history of the drum as well as his life touring the world as a drummer in rock bands.

In History, we looked at pictures showing what life would have been like in Ancient Egypt. In pairs, the class analysed each image and then we discussed what they had discovered. This included elements like farming, use of the river, transport using boats, food they might have eaten using crops grown and jobs they may have had.

### Mr Pike, Mrs Smith and Miss Dye





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

It has been another busy week for the Fireflies as they have flitted between a variety of practical activities.

Continuing their exploration of modern and Ancient Greece, in Geography they researched Greek culture, looking at cuisine, religion, music and leisure. They have begun presenting their findings in travel leaflets and posters.

In Art, they discovered how Ancient Greek plays were performed and were not happy to hear only boys and men could participate in the shows. They were however very keen to design their comedy or tragedy masks and were very complimentary of each others' work when they did their 'Art Appreciation Walk' at the end of the lesson.

On Tuesday the school enjoyed a visit from Jeff Rich, the Status Quo drummer who talked about the history of drums and introduced them to a variety of different drums which they were able to explore first hand.

**Mrs Dell, Mrs Norman  
and Miss Humphreys**



## Year 5 Busybees Update



***A busy and productive week in Year 5. We have been continuing to build upon our knowledge of place value in maths by comparing and ordering numbers. We have started a new unit in English where we have been looking at non-chronological reports. One of the highlights of the week was the drumming workshop with Jeff Rich—some of Year 5s were picked to play with him on their own! We have been continuing to hone our skills in Tag Rugby and in music we are bringing together musical elements to create a piece of space music!***



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



## Y6 Dragonflies Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Year 6 have been hard at work this week, learning all about fraction in their Maths, planning out their non-chronological reports in their English and having lots of fun in the foundation lessons too!

In Science, we made our own fossils to try to help us remember the steps that occur to form mold and cast fossils—can your child remember the steps and the other types of fossils we can get? The class used plaster of Paris and some home-made playdough to try and form the fossils of their chosen animals.

In History, the class looked at the inventions of the Victorians and had their own try at taking these inventions to the Dragons' Den! We considered the problem the invention solved for the Victorians and put our persuasive skills to use trying to win the investment from the Dragons.

We've been hard at work polishing up our tag-rugby skills too—Ms Driscoll has been putting the children through their paces and after refereeing one match, it's amazing to see how far they've come along!

The children also looked at how information is shared over the internet in more depth by looking at data packets! We acted out the role of servers and tried to pass the information from one IP address to another (it was very complicated and only one message got through; we decided to leave that work to programmed machines!).

And finally, the most exciting part of the week for Year 6: meeting our buddies! The class have been amazing with the newest additions to the St Mary's community, and all the Butterflies have commented on how patient and kind they've all been when playing games with the reception children and showing them how to navigate lunchtimes!

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Clarke and Miss Driscoll**

