

Class Updates - 05.07.2024

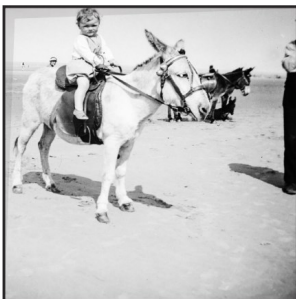
Reception Butterflies update



The children have made some wonderful progress with their writing skills and they have been busy **writing sentences** this week to describe what they can see in pictures. Some even added adjectives to describe their pictures! Mr Jarmain has been very pleased to see Reception children visit him with such wonderful work and demonstrating St Mary's values of super effort!

Butterflies have continued to develop their reading skills and many have mastered the very many Little Wandle '**tricky words**'. We have been very impressed with their perseverance especially with words such as 'are', 'pure' and 'sure'.

This week the children enjoyed looking at photos from seaside holidays of the **past and present**, and they made lots of links between similarities and differences! We had some great discussions and they loved these photos the most:



The children were amazed that some people wore full suits on the beach and many people changed into long swimming costumes in special changing booths by the sea!

Just a reminder, please do not forget that it is Butterflies—

Reception Graduation Assembly at 9am in the hall on Friday 12th July.

The children are excited to get their graduation certificates and sing to their families. Have a great weekend,

Mrs Jeewan, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Willis and Mrs Tagg



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds have enjoyed their week with the work experience students who have given them lots of help with their work and looked after them brilliantly.

We have continued our work designing and writing about our own dragons in English, using some very creative descriptive language.

In Maths we have been reviewing numbers to 100, playing games, singing counting songs and setting each other challenges.



We have finished our Science topic about plants, reviewing all our knowledge and making seed cycle wheels to bring home. The children told us lots of the sunflowers are still growing tall in your homes.

In computing with Mrs Wulfse the children are very excited about the programmes they are designing, which they will be finishing in the next couple of weeks.



In forest school we played a memory game using our sense of sight and then we planted out the spring onions, weeded and watered all the plants and enjoyed the sensory ladder again.



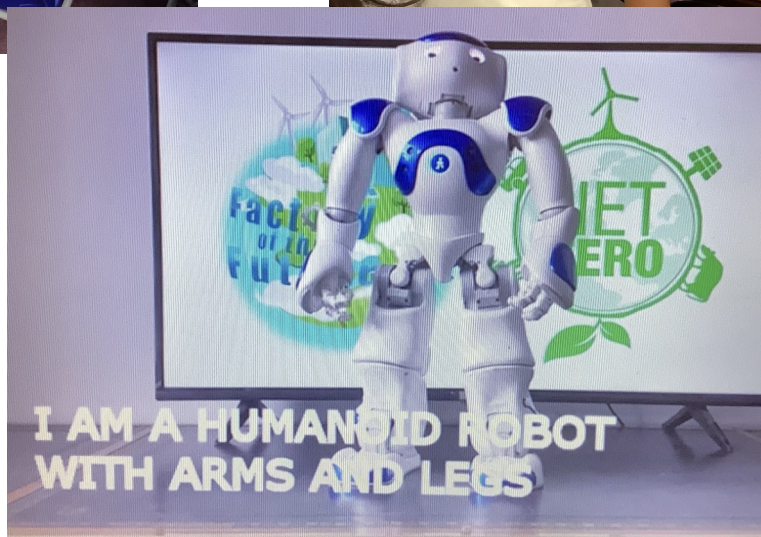
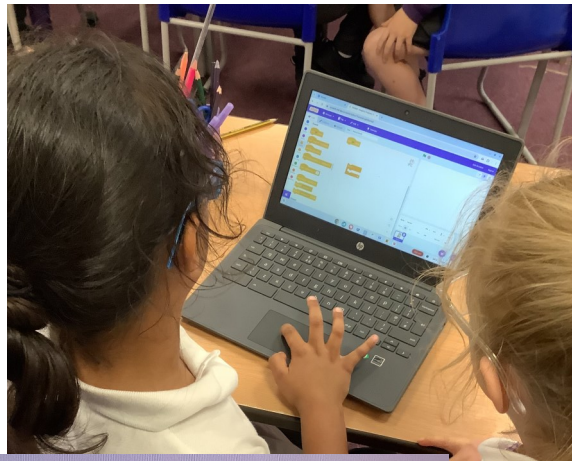
Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland and Mrs Wulfse

Year 2 Caterpillars Update

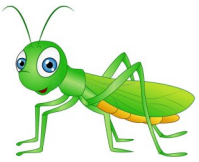


We have been challenging ourselves in maths this week, using terminology to describe turns and directions. Our knowledge of time has really helped when using clockwise/anticlockwise, quarter/half/three-quarter to describe turns. In DT this week, we continued sewing our purses/money containers. The entire class worked incredibly hard to sew on their own button and begin improving their designs. In history, we looked closely at the defensive mechanisms used to protect castles. We identified a timeline of castles and how they have changed over time then designed our own castles, labelling our defensive mechanisms. In computing, we have continued learning to use scratch, sequencing a variety of steps. Today we joined presenters Matt the engineer and Nao the robot from the Stem Hub for an interactive, virtual science session. We helped build a factory of the future and received a class certificate of participation. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 11th July for our sports day!

Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade, Mrs Segar



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



The children participated in a 'Stone Age' afternoon this week.

We were lucky to have Mrs McInnes return to school to create a fantastic afternoon for the children. First, the children learned how to build a fire- this was incredibly important for survival during the Stone Age period. Once they had completed that task, we used very few ingredients to make bread. We mixed oil, rosemary, flour and water into a bowl. Once we had completed this, we then cooked the bread over a fire. Some of the children described them as "dry and boring". This emphasised how little ingredients would have been used during this time period. Finally, the children created some fantastic cave paintings using charcoal and chalk- both natural resources. It was great to see the children engaged and developing their learning further during this session.

Starting next week, we are going to be making marble runs in DT. Please could the children bring in any cardboard, cereal boxes etc to help with this project. Thanks in advance.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Mr Brown, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys





Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week in English, Y4 have been working on key writing skills ready for Y5. We focused on speech, expanded noun phrases and accurate punctuation.

In Maths, the children have been revising Y4 maths. This included decimals, fractions, area, perimeter, money and multiples. The class have worked really hard on their maths this year and made amazing progress.

In R.E. we completed our Hinduism unit by looking at kindness and generosity. We studied the story of Lakshmi and Diwali and how blessings come from acts of kindness. In Music, the children researched and planned a composition to describe a scene across the world, for example: The Great Wall of China. They used percussion instruments, focusing on tempo, dynamics, pitch and timbre of the music.

Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye



Year 5 Busybees Update



Year 5 have had a very productive and busy week this week. We have started to research and write information texts in English and in maths we have been looking at converting different units of measure. We had a great game of dodgeball in PE with some fantastic resilience shown by some individual children. In RE we continued our unit on Hinduism and learnt about Ghandi and how his Hindu beliefs shaped his life and changed the lives of others. The children loved the history aspect of this lesson—especially learning more about the British Empire. They have also continued to work hard on the production.

On Thursday, we went to Saffron Hall to take part in a music concert. It was really enjoyable and we all learnt a lot about the links between Maths and Music. The pianist was amazing! It was an interactive concert, so Year 5 enjoyed singing along.

Another busy, if slightly rainy day on Friday. The children have not been deterred however! As well as our English and Maths lessons, the children have shown a real interest in general knowledge as we've been talking about what a General Election is and we've spoken about democracy, voting and different political parties.

In the afternoon, Yr 5 were lucky enough to take part in a live online Science Event called the Factory of The Future. Where they were given options to consider in order to create a carbon neutral factory to produce apple juice!

Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've been working hard on our dance routines this week in preparation for the production, ensuring that Mr Clarke's choreography is on point and the class offering tweaks where needed! Unfortunately we won't be showing pictures of the practise due to the non-disclosure agreement of the stars of the show (and because our class iPad has gone the way of the dodo!), but I'm sure your child could give you a sneak preview if you ask them nicely and promise them chocolate!

As well as practising their dancing and acting, Year 6 have been having a great time coding micro:bits - a small computer that allows them to write messages and other cool functions! Dragonflies also explored the dichotomous system, trying to give their partners guides to identify an array of different species just from a photograph!

In PSHCE, Year 6 began their RSE lessons. They learnt a lot and paid really good attention. We have a box for any questions they may have so please encourage your child to ask them or give them the option to talk to you about anything they might be wondering about but they don't feel like sharing at school.

To finish off the week, we had another visitor from SWCHs—this time for a science lesson! The children used their science skills to create gliders. The County High teacher was really impressed with the children's thinking and logistical planning!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke, Mrs Flack and Mrs Wilkinson