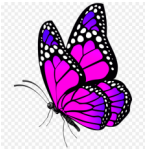


# Class Updates - 28.06.2024

## *Reception Butterflies update*



At last a lovely sunny week! Butterflies have loved learning on the decking area, working outside at Forest school and on spending time practising their athletics skills for Sports Day on the meadow. Butterflies are looking forward to their first **Sports Day next Wednesday 3rd July.**

On Monday, we had a wonderful trip to **Bridge End Gardens**...the children enjoyed all the



activities, including getting through the maze (and back out again!), identifying the range of fruit growing in the orchard, as well as observing and smelling the different species of roses and looking for pond life...there were some amazing dragon flies and lily pads. The children enjoyed having a picnic outside and playing lots of game together. Well done Butterflies for such wonderful St Mary's behaviour too! Thank you Miss Willis for coming along too!

Hope you have a great weekend,

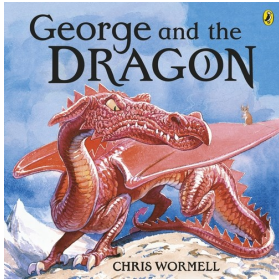
**Mrs Jeewan, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Willis and Mrs Tagg**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

It's been a hot and sticky week in Ladybirds class but the children

have kept up the hard work - as always!



In English, we've been reading up on Dragons! We have read a few different texts and gathering facts about dragons for our writing. We have worked on reading comprehension skills, retrieving information from non-fiction texts and thought about what dragons look like and how they move, using adjectives and verbs.

In Maths, we've been learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour, playing games, reading clocks and setting clocks to the correct time.



Mrs Wulfse is very proud of their progress in computing using Scratch Jnr and designing their own programmes, moving the sprites around different backgrounds.

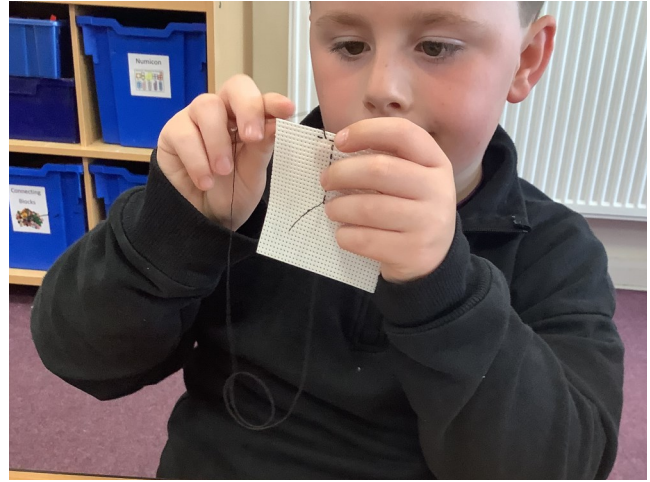
In PE we have been preparing for Sports Day next Wednesday morning and we very much look forward to seeing many of you there!

**Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland and Mrs Wulfse**



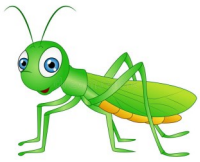
## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

In Caterpillar class this week we continued sewing in DT. We have cut our material to the design we like and have begun stitching our final product. In science, we sequenced the life cycle of a plant and where pollination happens. Our cress in class has begun to grow so we have been able to observe germination taking place. In English, we have been focusing on shape poems. We mind-mapped our ideas and then wrote a shape poem named What Am I? This week in maths we started our final topic on position and direction. We have focused on using correct terminology to describe movement. Today we had a fantastic time watching the French play. We really enjoyed showing off our singing and dancing.



***Mrs Holmes, Ms Tickle, Mrs Slade, Mrs Segar***

## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

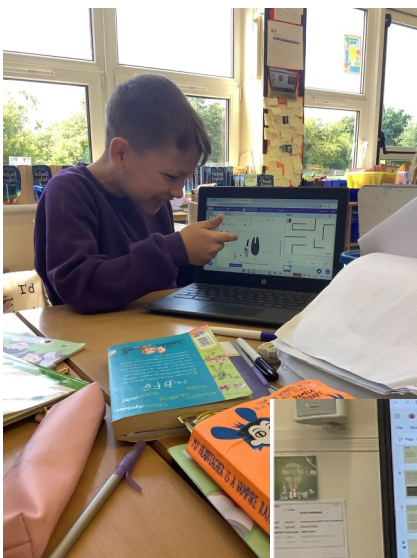


Another week has flown by, and the children have been fantastic! In English, we have been learning about poetry. The children have been picking the key features of a poem and adding descriptions to certain areas. I was amazed to hear so many different descriptive techniques used, and some of the children read their annotated versions of the poem.

In Maths, we continued to learn how to tell the time. This week, we have mainly focused on writing the time and drawing our own clocks. The children continue to impress me with their knowledge and perseverance in this tricky subject.

In RE this week, we continued to study Hinduism and its central beliefs. The children then created fantastic pieces that involved the five daily duties a Hindu will fulfil and why they are so important.

Have a fantastic weekend,



**Mr Brown, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys**



## Year 4 Fireflies Update

We have had a busy week of assessments! The children have now completed 3 maths papers and a reading comprehension paper.

Alongside this, in English, we finished our creature reports by writing about the history of the creature, its abilities, likes/dislikes and its family. It is lovely to see how far the children have come with their writing this year.

In PSHCE, we discussed 'beauty' and what that looks like. There was lots of interesting discussion about inner beauty and societal expectations.

In R.E, we explored Hindu shrines and what they consist of. The children then created their own shrine with objects that are special to them.

An amazing week in P.E with a historic win at District Sports! Everyone who participated worked really hard and represented Y4 and our school beautifully.

In Geography, we did a sketch map with symbols of our school environment.

***Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye***



## Year 5 Busybees Update



*A hot but productive week in Year 5 - thank goodness for our class air conditioning! The Busy Bees have been working very hard this week completing their end of Year 5 assessments - we are so proud of them! In RE, we have been looking at the significance of Diwali to Hindu beliefs and we have also been getting our dance and singing skills in shape for the production. Some members of Year 5 took part in the district athletics competition on Wednesday morning at Carver Barracks. The event saw many schools competing and the Year 5s did incredibly well in their individual events - with many 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.*

*In PSHCE we've been learning about how our bodies change when puberty occurs and how this can happen at different times for every individual. We've been learning about how to respect one another as changes happen as this can be something that people can feel sensitive about.*

*In History we've been studying the incredible Mayan civilisation in Central America. We've been drawing our own Mayan houses and thinking about the similarities and differences compared to the houses we live in in Britain nowadays.*

*In Science we're finishing off our topic on Late Adulthood. The children have been discussing the changes that happen to the human mind and body after the age of around 65. We have been designing information posters and presentations to inform people about the changes that happen as humans approach old age. Year 5 are looking at what support is available to help at this stage in life.*

*We've also been spending time learning songs and actions in French, in preparation for the French play by Théâtre Sans Frontières. We've been celebrating the Paris Olympics in school with a production of Les Olympiques des Animaux - Paris 2024!*



**Mrs Potter, Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Driscoll**



## Y6 Dragonflies Update

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

This past week had a name and the name was: PRODUCTION! The children have been adding in the acting and intonation into their lines now, and the first half is already coming together really well!

As well as their acting skills being polished, the Year 6s (aided by the Year 5s too—big shout-out!) have been learning the dance moves to their production songs, and I have to say I've been blown away by how well they've picked up the choreography whilst also maintaining their fantastic singing; great work Dragonflies!

Everyone at St Mary's would like to say that we hope all of the class enjoyed their different taster days and we can't wait to hear all about them on Monday!

*Have a great weekend,*

*Mr Clarke, Mrs Flack and Mrs Wilkinson*

