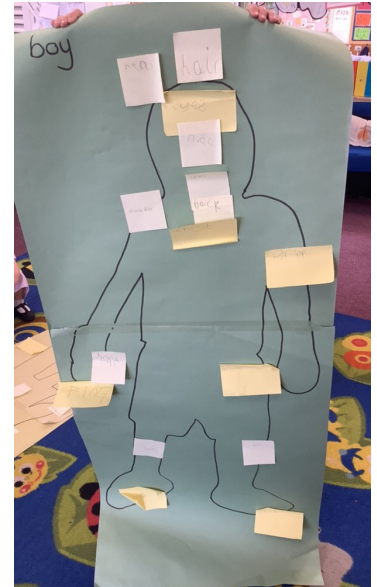


# Class Updates - 21.06.2024

## Reception Butterflies update



The superheroes fun continued this week and also **PSED/RSE teaching** of Dr words for body parts and learning about 'Growing Up'. We also watched NSPCC **Pantosaurus** again as a reminder. As he says 'your private parts belong only to you'.



The children had another busy **Forest school** looking after the plants, learning about wildlife and working in the mud kitchen.

Hope you have a sunny weekend,

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



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds have been busy as always this week!

They have been writing animal acrostics and focussing on excellent handwriting and letter formation in English. In Maths we have been working on time, singing and dancing about the days of the week and the months of the year!



On Tuesday, we had a visit from the school governors who were impressed with their artistic skills, producing beautiful charcoal sketches of Chinese landscapes.

In PHSCE we discussed how we have changed since we were babies and shared ideas and thought about how to look after infants and babies.



We are getting competitive, practising for Sports Day. Miss Driscoll spent time with the class training them up for the sack race, egg and spoon and space hoppers! We had lots of fun at forest school finding hiding places in the shade, balancing on the slackline and planting out our lettuces. They taste great too!



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



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week we welcomed our school governors into class for the day and enjoyed showing off all of our talents! It was very helpful having them in for DT, where we began to practice a running stitch, some of us even tried an over stitch! We all showed a lot of patience and

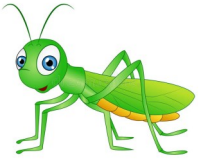


resilience! In science, we looked at the needs of a plant and had a go at planting some lentil and cress seeds. We created a germination cycle and hope to see this process as our lentils and cress grow. In PE we have been using the bouncy hoppers, batons, skipping ropes, sacks and egg and spoons in preparation for sports day. In English this week, we have looked closely at free verse poetry and wrote a couple of our own, focusing on ourselves and all our positive attributes. On Wednesday, year 6 joined us in ICT to support us with sequencing using SCRATCH.

*Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade*



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



Well done on another productive week of learning! During this week, we continued our recorder lessons. The children were learning about new notes and how to read music. They focussed on the notes A, B, G and C- the pupils then played a fantastic piece of music incorporating these notes.

In English this week, we continued our poetry unit. The children enjoyed learning about a narrative poem and the features we would expect to find. I was so impressed with how much of their SPaG knowledge they were able to locate within the text.

Finally, in PE, we did some athletics events in preparation for an event next week. The children all showed respect and effort for each task and I was impressed with their attitude towards the sports.

***In the next few weeks we are going to be starting to make 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

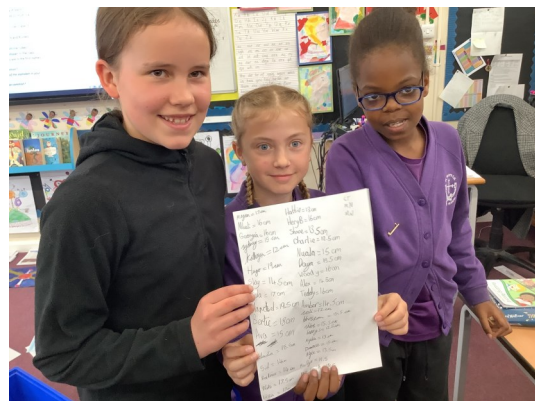
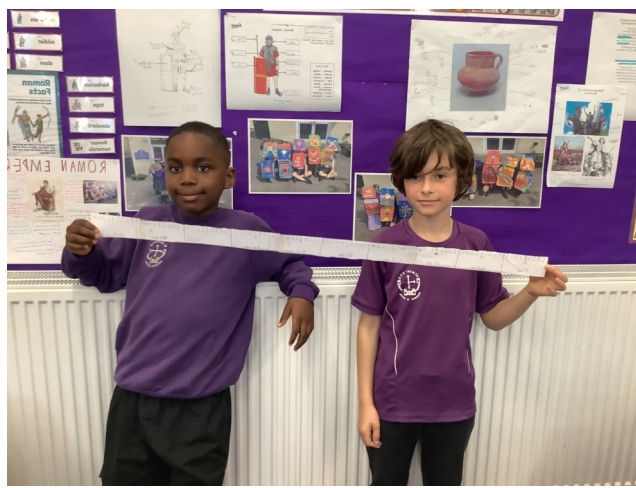
This week in Maths, we have been revising Fractions and Measure to secure the children's understanding. We also did a range of problem solving activities including: creating a one metre ruler, building a perfect cube .... In English, we started planning and writing a creature report. The class each designed their own monster/creature and have written a paragraph describing the appearance and a paragraph outlining where they live. Next week we will be writing about its diet and history, family, abilities etc.

In RSE we focused on the differences between males and females and spoke about private parts (using scientific names). We then discussed the importance of keeping them private and who to safely talk to if you are worried.

In History, we looked at Roman towns and the key features that made them. The children then drew their own maps including: baths houses, swearers, roads, Forum, Basilica etc...

***Next week we are going to be starting to make money boxes so please send in any small cardboard/plastic boxes, tubes, pots etc... that can be used for model making. We will have lots spare if you don't have access to any.***

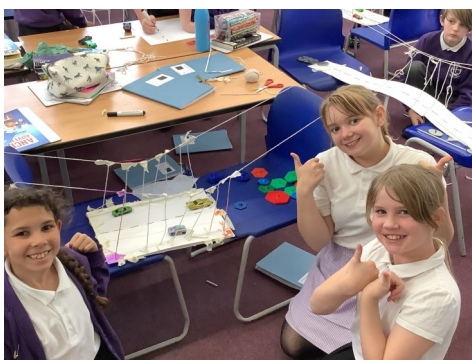
***Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye***



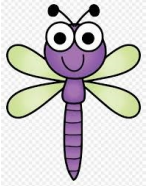
## Year 5 Busybees Update



Another wonderful week in Year 5 this week. In English, our focus has been Refugee Week. We have taken part in a National Literary Strategy week where we have been looking at different writers throughout the week and the ways in which they portray the journeys and experiences of refugees. We also joined a live zoom with Michael Rosen and listened to him read some of his poems on this theme. We have created some fantastic pieces of writing. In maths, we have been problem-solving ahead of assessments next week. We have also busy practising for the production as well as the upcoming athletics competition and Sports Day. Some of the Year 5 girls finally made it to the cricket tournament this week too. They did a great job! Below are some photos of our two day DT project that we did at the end of last week—Building Bridges. Have a wonderful weekend.



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



## Y6 Dragonflies Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Another week gone! It's speeding by so fast with everything going on in Year 6: we've been practising our production, had History lessons, Science, RE as well as visits too!

In History, we learnt about the Battle of Britain and the role radar played in the defence of Britain's cities from the Luftwaffe! The children played a game with and without radar to see the difference one piece of technology made. They then wrote a letter as an RAF pilot just returned from a dogfight in the skies.

We also had a great time trying to sort animal types in our Science lesson. Dragonflies considered how taxonomists try to group animals and designed their own zoos, ensuring similar animals were housed nearby each other so visitors could see the creatures they were more interested in!

The class began looking at the history of Islam this week, and the differences between the Shia and Sunni Muslims. Their memories were fantastic and they were able to identify not only the differences but the similarities between the two sects. Can your child remember any?

But, even more exciting than Mr Clarke's lessons (yes, such a thing is possible!) was not one but two visits from secondary school—one of them from some old St Mary's pupils! They came in to discuss their experience of secondary school and the transition from Year 6 to Year 7. Our Year 6s had lots of great questions and gained a hoard of valuable information.

Mr Wilson, an English teacher from SWCHs, also visited and gave the class a taste of a secondary school English lesson. I think the Year 6s were a bit daunted at first but then found they'd actually been quite well prepared by St Mary's to tackle the next stage in their English learning!

A quick apology for the wrong date of the production being on the diary—the system automatically filled it in, using the information from last year, but the correct date should be on now!

**Have a great weekend,**

**Mr Clarke, Mrs Flack and Mrs Wilkinson**

