

Class Updates - 14.06.2024

Reception Butterflies update



Butterflies have loved this week's superhero story and activities, **'Superworm'**. The children helped **read the story**, by joining in with the repeated refrains and reading any easily decodable or **'tricky'** words. The children then had a go at **writing** a word, a phrase or a sentence all about Superworm. The children completed Superworm **maths** counting and addition challenges, then had several creative **fine motor skills** activities to complete: threading beads and threading cheerios to create Superworms, folding pink paper to make concertina worms and then drawing some amazing Superworms! Well done everyone for such 'super' work!



Butterflies were superbly behaved at a wonderful **KS1 Multi Skills** event organised by Miss Driscoll. The children all



took part and learnt lots of new athletic games.

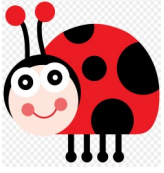
At **Forest School** this week the children continued gardening and planting more vegetables including pumpkins, courgettes and



chard. We used crushed egg to help keep the slugs away. At Forest school we encouraged the children to look for worms and other minibeasts. The children told me they found a few super worms too! The children are also developing their balancing skills, balancing on the slack line.

Have a super weekend everyone,

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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

A very productive week in Year One! This week we completed the national Phonics Screening Practice. All the children took part, tried their hardest and made us very proud! The results will be shared with you with their reports. Well done Lady-



birds! You were fabulous!



In Maths, we have been looking at money, recognising coins and notes and adding them together.

In English we have been focusing on our presentation and handwriting. We have done lots of fine and gross motor activities, practiced handwriting and written an acrostic poem, presenting it as neatly as possible.



Our big question in RE this term is 'What do Muslims use when they pray?' We explored lots of artefacts and learned about praying rituals in Islam.

In Art we are creating Chinese landscapes, using charcoal pencils.



In PE, in spite of the rain, we began to train for sports day, learning how to do egg and spoon and relay races. We also enjoyed a fabulous multi-skill PE afternoon on our meadow.



Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland and Mrs Wulfse



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Multiskills on Thursday afternoon was lots of fun, we had a go at 8 different activities!

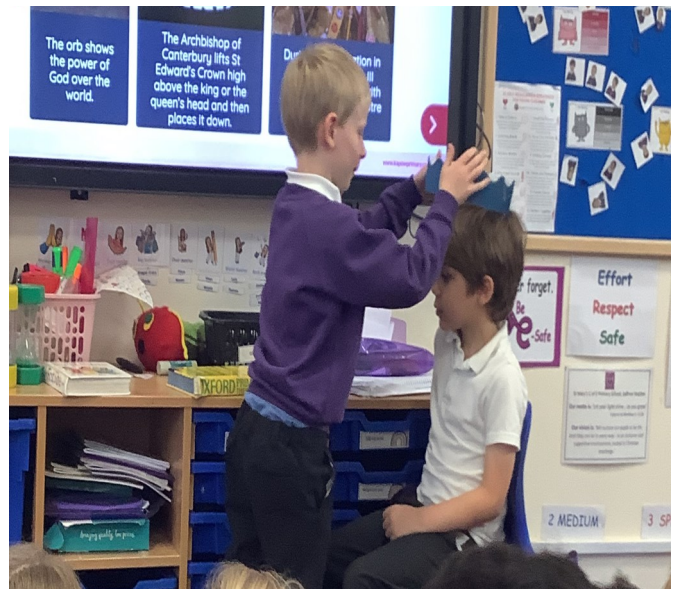
In History this week we looked closely at coronations and had a go at roleplaying as a monarch on coronation day.

We got creative in DT this week, designing a prototype of our money containers.

In English, we have been using similes, alliterations, adjectives and adverbs to write acrostic and alliteration poems.

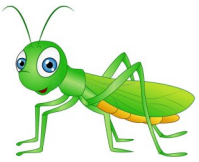
We have continued looking at time in maths, specifically past the hour and to the hour.

This week in science we started our new topic– plants. We identified the needs of a plant and recapped the names of the parts of a plant.



Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade

Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



In Maths this week, we have been learning about adding and subtracting money. The children have been focussing extremely hard on making sure they write the £ sign in their final answer.

The pupils have also been developing their arithmetic knowledge, ready for our assessments.

In Music, we have continued our recorder unit and mainly focused on learning the notes. Once we learnt some of the notes- including the note C- we played games concentrating on timing.

In Computing, we have completed more programming on Scratch. The children had to use their knowledge of the programme to move a sprite in different directions. I was so impressed with how the children managed to follow the different instructions and directions.

Finally, we were lucky to have some volunteers from Year 6 to run a multi skills event for the class. The children were so well behaved and showed respect, compassion and effort throughout the tasks.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys





Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week in Maths, we carried on with our revision, focusing on calculations. In English, we described a setting using our senses and practised writing a dialogue between two characters, incorporating the correct punctuation.

In Science, we made cup walkie talkies. We looked at sound vibrations and how they travel through air particles. As they travel through the air, the vibrations drift towards your ear and hit the eardrum, causing the 3 bones in your ear to move, sending the sound waves straight to your brain, which interprets the sounds.

Using Chromebooks and our own knowledge, we researched and created a poster/fact-file about Roman life.

In DT, we drew three designs of a moneybox (we will make these next week) and decided which one was our favourite. We needed to think about the shape, size, simplicity, if it has a lock and how to get the money in and out.

The Year 4s have worked really hard this week and should be proud of themselves.

Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye



Year 5 Busybees - Residential Update



A busy first day here at Danbury! We arrived shortly before 11 and enjoyed a couple of hours to ourselves before we set off on our activities. These included the aerial trekking, climbing wall and bridge building. The children showed some incredible resilience - especially on the aerial trek (including Mrs Potter!!).



We then enjoyed a delicious pasta dinner and, after that, made our way to the fire-pit for the evening. The children enjoyed collecting firewood, toasting marshmallows and playing games. A hot chocolate before lights out at 9.30.

Day 2—Another eventful day here at Danbury!



The first night's sleep went well - with a couple of cabins quiet by 10pm and the others by 11pm. There were a few moments of homesickness at different points yesterday evening but the children coped really well and those moments were short lived.

An early start for everyone this morning and after a cooked breakfast and lots of caffeine (for the adults), we set off for our morning's adventures. All three groups did archery together first thing followed by caving for two groups and aerial trekking for another group.

We then met back for lunch of pizza, wedges and salad which, despite a couple of children insisting they did not like pizza, there was not much pizza left!

The afternoon saw two groups do bush craft and bridge building and the third group enjoying an afternoon of canoeing.

Dinner this evening was roast chicken, potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and vegetables. We have encouraged children to try all the food even if they don't normally eat it at home. We are very proud of them!

In the evening the children have some free time to play, read, colour and just enjoy each other's company.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend

The Year 5 Residential Team





Y6 Dragonflies Update

The Dragonflies came back to school still a bit tired from the residential, but managed to dig deep for the week we've just had—the days have been filled with rehearsals and a whole assortment of activities!

The class have thrown themselves into the production rehearsals (a big thank you to parents who have helped their children learn their lines already!) and learning the songs. We're working on getting the songs sent out to you so your child(ren) can practise at home too! A big shout-out to our new TA, Mrs Flack, who has come in and begun making the props and set already.

In between the rehearsals, the children managed to get themselves out to Crucial Crew to learn about how to be safe. It was very interesting and the children did great at engaging with the professionals (such as the police and people from mental health charities). Ask your child(ren) what they took away from Crucial Crew this year!

The whole of Year 6 also stepped up to help Ms Driscoll and people from Uttlesford Sports to run an athletics even for not only our KS1 children but also KS1 from St Thomas Moore! The students ran all the events independently and we had amazing feedback on how mature and patient they were with the little ones. Well done Year 6!

In Science, we had a bit of a fun lesson to work on the children's fair-test planning. The question: what is the best biscuit for dunking? The children planned out the experiment themselves and came up with their own methods of answering this most British of questions. Which biscuit did your child found was categorically the best for dunking?

Have a great weekend and we'll see you Monday (please encourage the children to do lots of line-learning over the weekend!),

Mr Clarke, Mrs Flack and Mrs Wilkinson

