

Class Updates - 17.05.2024

Reception Butterflies update



The children have been loving **gardening** during their **Forest School** lessons. This week Butterflies prepared the beds by pulling out any weeds, looking and moving any minibeasts so they wouldn't get squashed, patting down the earth and then planting some potatoes. Even though it was raining they carried on with their gardening and were super proud to talk about what they were growing and thinking about what they could plant next.



In **Maths** the children have loved our sharing and grouping activities using small world objects. The children could play this at home, sharing food between teddies or grouping several animal toys by their species, or for more of a challenge, by their habitat.



Have a lovely weekend,

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



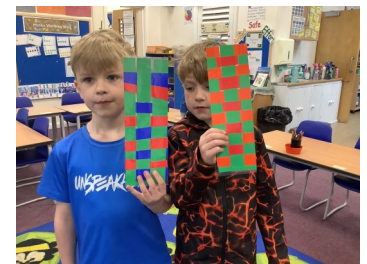
Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week we began a new book in English - Traction Man by Mini Grey. The children have loved this story and enjoyed acting it out with finger puppets and looking carefully at the illustrations and describing the scenes.



In Maths we have been working with numbers between 50-100, making them, recognising them, grouping and counting them in 10s and partitioning them into tens and ones.

We have produced bookmarks in Art weaving them from paper. It was very fiddly but all the children tried really hard and were proud of their achievements!



In RE we have been learning more about Islamic beliefs and reading stories. This week we learned how important it is to care for animals in Islam and made posters to show this.



In Computing, they have been learning more about digital writing, learning how to undo and redo work. Mrs Wulfse was so impressed with how hard they worked, she gave the class two marbles towards their reward! We are still working super hard on our Phonics! Thank you for all the effort you are putting in at home with their sounds and reading!

We had a wet forest school this week but the children still loved it—sliding, climbing, swinging and planting lots in the new eco garden. Please remember to put a set of spare clothes in your children's bags on forest school days—many of them were soaked through and had to go to gymnastics in borrowed clothing. **Thank you!**



Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland and Mrs Wulfse

Year 2 Caterpillars Update



We have been working really hard in English this week to write up our own non-chronological report about our monster. We

have used lots of description and challenged ourselves by using alliteration, similes and conjunctions. In Maths we have spent the week looking at statistics. This has been a really fun topic, looking at and creating tally charts, pictograms, tables of information and block diagrams. We had already done lots of work on tally charts in science and computing, so we were experts in maths this week!

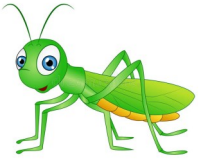


In RE we continued our learning on Passover and this week looked closely at the traditions of Haggadah. We learned all about the four questions and had a go at answering them. In computing, we have continued using Chrome Music Lab to create different rhythms to the sound of different animal movements. This is a free web tool you could use at home. In science, we identified habitats around the UK and researched the animals and plants that live there. During geography this week, we examined the Jurassic Coast and labelled the different features found there including bay, stack, arch, cave and coastline.

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade



Grasshoppers Update



Grasshoppers, Well done on another busy week!

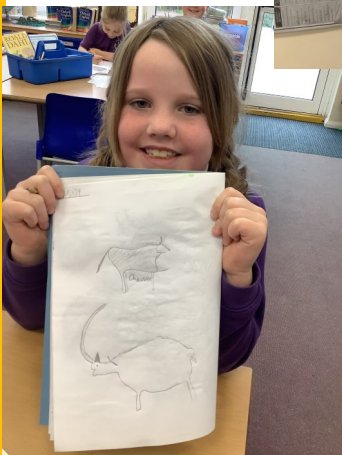
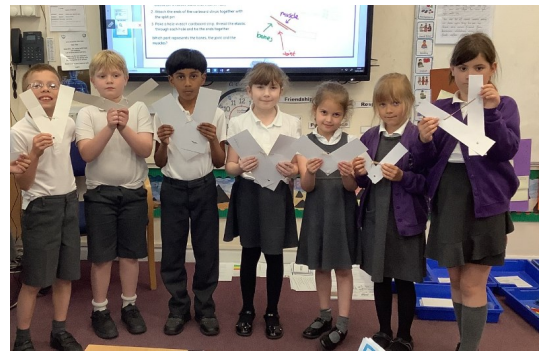
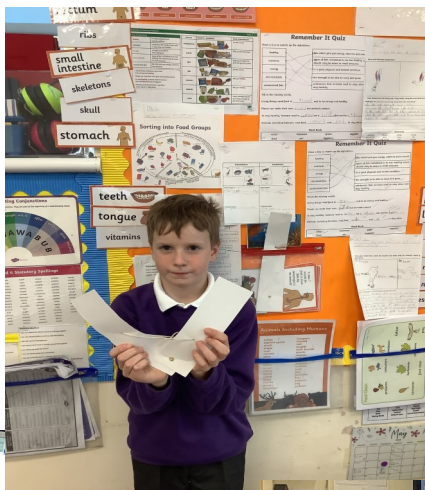
In Maths this week, we have been continuing to learn about measurement. We have been focussing on the perimeter and how we can find the perimeter of specific shapes. Next week, we will progress onto area and how it's different to the perimeter.

This week, the class actively created their own model of the human arm in science. Using cardboard, elastic bands, and split pins, they represented the bones, muscles, and joints within our arms. They then wrote a fantastic explanation, demonstrating their understanding of how our muscles work.

Finally, in art, we have been looking at cave paintings. The children initially researched the types of things that would have been painted onto caves in the Stone Age. Once they had completed this task, they sketched different animals. The children focused on developing their sketching techniques while learning from their small mistakes. I was so impressed with their attitude and determination to improve.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys





Year 4 Fireflies Update

In Maths this week, we have been measuring, reading and drawing angles. It is a tricky areas of Maths and I have been so impressed how well the class have focused and understood. In English, we continued writing The Magic Box poems. It has been lovely to hear all the special things/ experiences the class would store in their Magic Box and what it would be made of. In R.E. we focused on our St Mary's community and what makes it special. The class then used a jigsaw template and wrote down all the elements that combine to make it so —kindness, teamwork, perseverance, faith, respect etc.... In History, we have been looking at why the Roman army was so successful. One feature we have focused on is their battle formations. Inspired by this, the class are making shields. They have thought carefully about their design choices to intimidate the enemy.



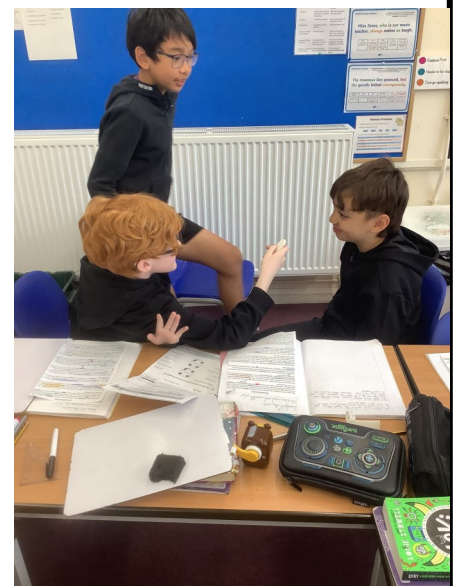
Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye



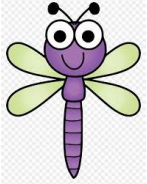
Year 5 Busybees Update

This week in Year 5 we have been looking at suspense stories in English—we have looked at the writing features used and even turned our hand to some acting to help us understand the characters in more detail. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting decimals as well as trying to improve our mental arithmetic skills. We looked at what The Hadith means to Muslims in RE. We read some stories and derived our own meanings from them. We have also been getting competitive in PE with lots of cricket matches! In music, we have been learning the melody to the song—'Dancing in the Street' on the glockenspiels. The children thought carefully in their Art lesson about how to create depth of colour by adding white or black and created impressive pictures. In Science we have thought about how a material's features lend themselves to different uses and in Geography we discussed the different uses of deserts. Some of the class participated in the cricket tournament which was a brilliant way to end the week.

Well done, Bees—a tip top week!



Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll



Y6 Dragonflies Update

And so ends the exam season in Year 6! The children have had a tough week but it's been great to see them take on the tests with confidence and to persevere even when they were finding some of the questions tricky. You could see, by the way they employed the maths techniques we've been learning this year, how much they've improved the conceptualisation of how maths works.

The children actually seemed to enjoy the process—particularly their SATs breakfast followed by some meditation/relaxation time to get us in the zone for tackling the assessments! I hope they can use the experience to help them realise that they were able to be confident because they'd worked hard over the year, and to take that mindset into their exams in the future (they'll come around quicker than you think!). Remember: failure to prepare is preparing to fail!

A big thank-you to Mrs Norman and Mrs Smith, who helped run the breakfast and helped out with a lot of the invigilating. And another big thanks to Ms Driscoll for taking the class out for cricket afterwards too!

Have a wonderful weekend Year 6—you've earned it!

Mr Clarke and Mrs Wilkinson

