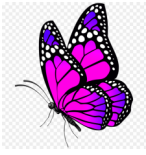


# Class Updates - 10.05.2024

## Reception Butterflies update



Well done Butterflies for another super week of learning!

In **Maths** there has been a great deal of exploring shapes and finding out how to deconstruct these shapes and finally seeing what other shapes can be made from them.



The children were very well behaved during our lovely **Ascension Service at St Mary's Church** and they enjoyed walking safely with their Year 6 buddies and sitting with them in church. The children blew bubbles to signify Jesus' ascension with the rest of the school outside in the churchyard!

**Ready, Steady, GROW!** The sunflowers are finally growing to the delight of the children who have been very patient checking and watering them.



A nurse came to complete the usual **Reception health checks** on Thursday and you will hear from the nurse if there are any further actions. The nurse hopes to pop back to see any children who were absent today.

Have a lovely sunny weekend,

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



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

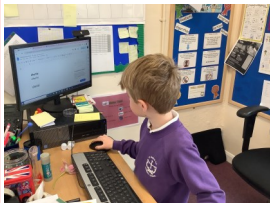
We have been very busy in Year One this week after the long weekend. The children have been working really hard in Phonics and have all practised their sounds and blending skills one to one



with the teacher. We are very proud of all the progress they have made this year.



In Maths we have been learning about position and direction, describing turns, left and right, forwards and backwards and above and below. We have played games outside and programmed the Beebots to help with our learning.



In Science we have been learning about wildflowers. We walked around the school site looking for flowers and thinking how the seeds dispersed.



Mrs Wulfse has been teaching us how to change fonts in computing and we learned to change the size, colour and style when editing a document.

At Forest School we had time reflecting on Ascension Day when Jesus rose to heaven. We blew bubbles and made paper aeroplanes. We also spotted lots of butterflies!



**Now that the weather is finally warming up, please remember to send your children in wearing suncream, with a hat and a clearly labelled water bottle.**



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

## Year 2 Caterpillars Update



*We hope you enjoyed your bank holiday Monday! We had a fantastic cricket event on Thursday and had lots of fun. We played several teams*

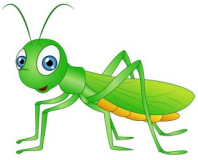


*and enjoyed cheering our own team on in the sun. In Maths, we have finished our fractions topic this week. We have focused on finding unit fractions  $1/2$ ,  $1/4$ ,  $1/3$  as well as non-unit fractions and wholes  $2/2$ ,  $2/3$ ,  $3/3$ ,  $2/4$ ,  $3/4$ ,  $4/4$ .*

*This week in English, we finished writing sentences using adjectives to describe our monster. Next week, we will be using this description to write our own non-chronological report about our monsters. We have been working really hard in French to learn some songs in preparation for the French play coming to school soon. In PSHCE we have been identifying ways to calm down when we are feeling red. We created some beautiful artwork of a volcano and inside had all the ways we could get back to green. In art, we started painting our own inspired version of a Kandinsky tree using concentric circles. This week we painted our backgrounds. We will be using different art materials to create different parts of our artwork. A polite reminder to please continue to read and practise spellings daily, thank you. Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade*



## Grasshoppers Update



We have had another busy week in Grasshoppers! We have been continuing our measurement unit in maths, looking specifically at volume and capacity. The children have been learning how to read scales correctly and compare different volumes of liquids. During one of our lessons, we looked at different measurement apparatuses and related them to why they are essential skills to use in life.

In Science, we delved into the fascinating world of our body's muscles. After comprehending the different bones, we shifted our focus to the significance of muscles. This lesson was a journey of learning complex vocabulary and understanding the tricky concept of how muscles work in pairs to function effectively.

Finally, we have been learning the 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' book in our French lessons. We created origami to show the butterfly in the story while learning essential French vocabulary.

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





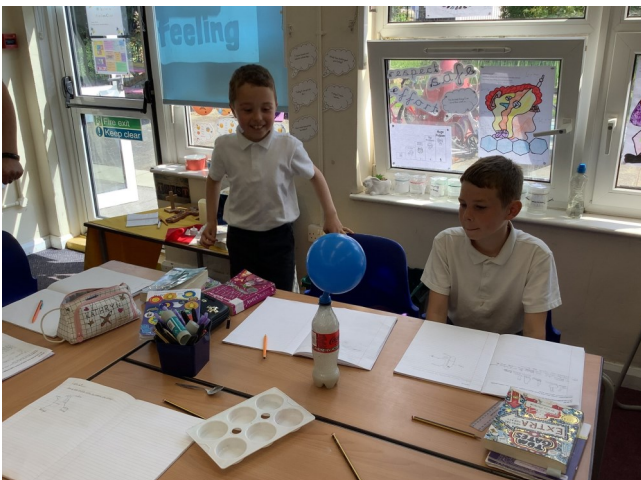
## Year 4 Fireflies Update

In Maths, we have been looking at different angles—acute, right-angle and obtuse. The class then used a protractor to measure given angles. In English, we continued our poetry unit by editing a personification poem to make it their own. Then using a new poem called The Magic Box, the children thought about all the things they loved, made them happy or experiences they cherish and which of them they would keep in their Magic Box.

In Science, each group conducted an experiment to discover what happened when baking powder and white vinegar were mixed. They then wrote conclusions to record what they found.

In Art, the class have been sketching faces, looking at side profiles and this week used collage and mosaic to add colour and pattern to their design.

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





## Year 5 Busybees Update

***A fantastic week in Year 5 this week. The highlight being the rounders' festival at SWCHS. Everyone put in a great effort and showed respect to the other teams—well done Year 5! We had two wins and three draws! In English we have started to write a portal story which the children have been able to personalise and write about what is interesting to them. They will finish these next week, as they have been such a hit! Maths has been fun but challenging—learning to read and use coordinates and translate shapes on graph paper. Tricky stuff! In Science we have been sorting different types of materials. Next week we will be thinking about the different uses of these materials, so if you would like to have a chat about what things are made from in the home and why, that would be a great head start. As things heat up outside, please make sure your child has a hat, sun cream and water bottle.***

***Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll***





## ***Y6 Dragonflies Update***

Dragonflies have finished the final week before their SATs in good spirits and having worked hard to revise everything they've learnt in KS2! We're all very proud of them at St Mary's and know they'll do their best no matter what next week throws at them.

We had a lovely day on Thursday when we took our buddies to the church to celebrate Ascension; the Year 6s were great role models and kept their buddies safe on the trips to and from school to the church. Mrs Jeewan was also kind enough to let the Year 6s join their buddies in their afternoon break, was a nice change to the revision!

A quick reminder next week that the children are invited into school at 08:00 for a SATs breakfast—it's always had great feedback from previous students and lets the Year 6 ease into the test days rather than turning up and going straight in: we highly recommend it!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you Monday,

***Mr Clarke and Mrs Wilkinson***

