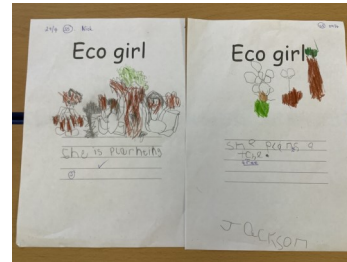
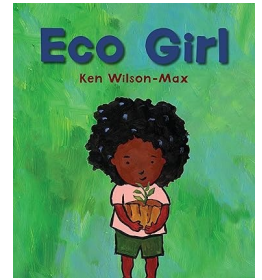


Class Updates - 03.05.2024

Reception Butterflies update



The children are continuing to learn about growth and looking after the environment. We read the inspiring book 'Eco Girl' and the children loved discussing what they could do as well. Here are some of the children's posters about the book:



At **Forest School** the children hunted for minibeasts and discovered lots of snails... The children started work on the **school garden**, weeding and planting...and mixing up potions:



This week in **Maths** the children have been learning how to rotate shapes and create pictures using shapes and discovering that shapes are everywhere in the environment.

Well done Butterflies for a super week!

Have a lovely long weekend,

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



Year 1 Ladybirds Update



The sun finally came out for us this week and we have been busy inside and outside the classroom!

In English this week we have been finding out all about Italy to help us write a postcard from Sunny the Meerkat to his family. In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, focussing on quarters of shapes and amounts.



In PE, we continued to work on controlling a ball with a racket, playing Mind the Monsters around the playground.

In Art, we have started to practise weaving skills, making woven paper bookmarks and decorating the decking by weaving fabric around the trellis.

Keep up the hard work at home practising all your sounds and reading!

Forest School is now on Thursday **afternoon**. As the weather is now getting warmer the children can bring their protective outer layers in a bag and get changed after lunch, so they do not overheat in the morning!



Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland and Mrs Wulfse



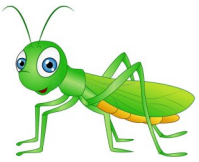
Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Another busy week in Caterpillar class this week! We have all enjoyed playing cricket in PE in preparation for our cricket match coming up. Also in PE, we have been practising some Sports Day games, bringing out our competitive side! In English this week we have been using adjectives to describe our very own monster. Some of us even used similes to describe them. In computing, we have continued making music using Chrome Music Lab. This week's lesson was linked to our artist – Kandinsky. We drew different shapes creating abstract art to form music. We even had a go at painting with watercolours in art, recreating our own version of Kandinsky's 'Squares with concentric circles' painting. In science, we have continued our Living Things and their Habitats topic. We looked closely at different habitats around the world and wrote about their climate. We then had a go at matching animals and plants that live in each of those habitats. In Geography, we had fun using the Atlases to identify different coasts in the UK. We looked closely at what a coast is and the features you find there. In RE, we have continued looking at the Jewish celebration of Passover. This week we looked closely at the Seder plate and what each piece of food represents to Jews.

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade



Grasshoppers Update



We have been fortunate this week to have had two recorder sessions with Mrs Thomas - our recorder teacher. The children have been learning to read music and play songs together. I have been so impressed with how excellent the children have been with their attitude and application to learning so many new things!

In maths, we have continued to look at measurement. We have finished studying mass and moved on to lengths. The children have been converting between centimetres and metres and using this to consider the practical aspects of measuring a range of items.

In PSHE this week, we have been learning about personal hygiene. The children learned how to look after themselves and their teeth and why it's essential. The children approached this topic very maturely and gave some fantastic examples in the lesson.

Have a fantastic bank holiday weekend!,

Mr Brown, Mrs Norman and Miss Humphreys



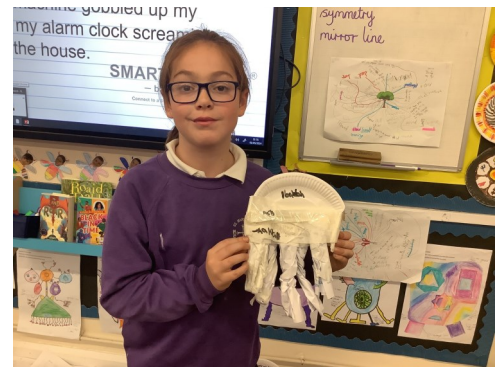


Year 4 Fireflies Update

In English, we have started our poetry unit by looking at personification. This is when an object is given human qualities. We started by listing as many verbs as possible that we do as humans. Then, using these verbs, the class thought about how they might use these verbs when describing what an object does, for example: the trees waved, the candle danced etc...

In History, the children analysed and used their inference skills to work out what different Roman artefacts were and what they may have been used for. Their guesses were very... interesting! In R.E, we looked at the 5 Pillars of Islam and how they are important in worship. In Science, we did an experiment to discover what happened when a solid (baking powder) was mixed with a liquid (white vinegar).

On Thursday morning, the class went to a Rapid Cricket competition. They worked really well in teams and represented the school beautifully.



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

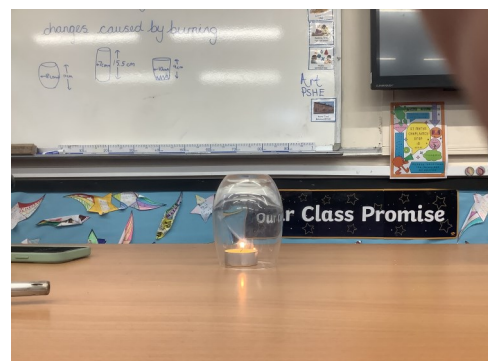
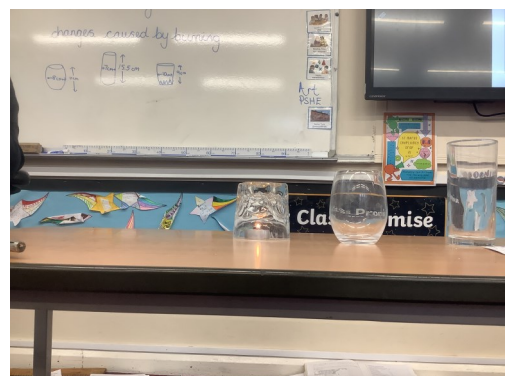


Year 5 Busybees Update



Another busy week for the Busy Bees! We have been calculating the size of angles in maths as well as working on our arithmetic skills. In English, we have written newspaper reports about the sinking of the Titanic and have worked hard on our editing skills. We have been learning about the importance of Islamic gardens in RE and worked in groups to create our own. In PE, we played cricket matches ahead of an upcoming competition. Science was a lot of fun this week as we conducted an experiment to observe irreversible changes. We lit candles and observed how long it took for the flame to be extinguished depending on the size and shape of the glass. In Art lessons the children created some impressive still life pictures, thinking carefully about texture and shade, and in PSHCE we discussed the difference between 'needs' and 'wants' - this was an interesting discussion which you may like to continue at home!

We have noticed that some of the class are taking longer than we would expect to finish a reading book. If possible, please encourage your child to find a quiet space for a couple of reading sessions over the long weekend to help them on their way. Have a wonderful long bank holiday weekend and see you on Tuesday.



Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll



Y6 Dragonflies Update

The penultimate week before the SATs has ended with the children upbeat and...enjoying revision? Well, perhaps not enjoying it, but they've been showing a great work ethic; they've worked on their own and in pairs to brush up on various areas of maths and had lots of fun battling it out against one another in our Rock 'em Sock 'em tournament!

We also had a look at the full grammar paper together this week, and I think it's safe to say the children realised that it wasn't scary at all; they knew it all from our English lessons! In fact, it was amazing to see how much fun the children had just answering grammar questions and trying to get answers before other teams (I wish I'd known they were so easy to please earlier in the year!)

Dragonflies have moved on from robins in our art and this week tackled cats. The class worked very hard to consider the shapes we can use to create a cat and how the angle we viewed the cat altered the body parts. Ask your child if they could help you draw one!

In Maths, we have been completing levels on different topics—prizes are given when you complete each level—and it's been amazing to see not only how much the children have learnt but how much their

resilience has improved over the year; none of them are dismayed if they are finding a problem difficult and instead sit down and work even harder to get the answer!

Level 2

1) Write these lengths in order, starting with the shortest

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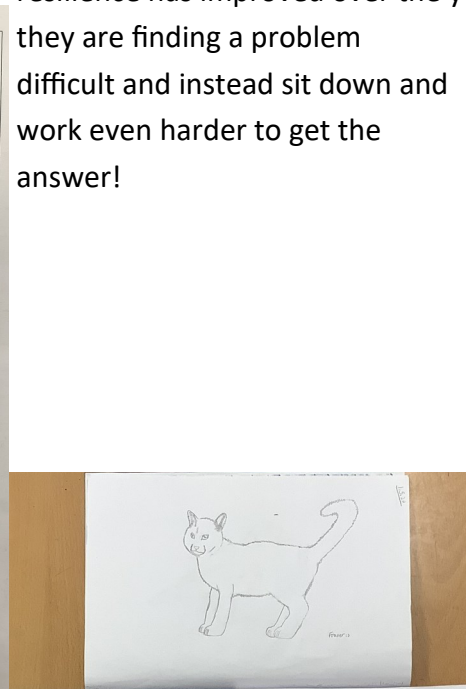
2) How much water is in this container? **550ml**
How much more water is needed to make 1 litre? **450ml**

3) Here are some apples. **13.75**
13.75
13.75

4) Here are a pencil sharpener, a key and a rubber. **83mm**

5) Hassan has a jug with some water in it. He adds another 140 millilitres of water. Draw a line to show the new level of water.

6) This piece of cheese has a mass of 350 grams. Mark an arrow (I) on the scale to show the reading for 350 g.



Monster Level! Crème egg prize

1) Mrs Jones prints books. Jon pays £4.35 for his book, including the cover. How many pages are in his book? **120 pages**

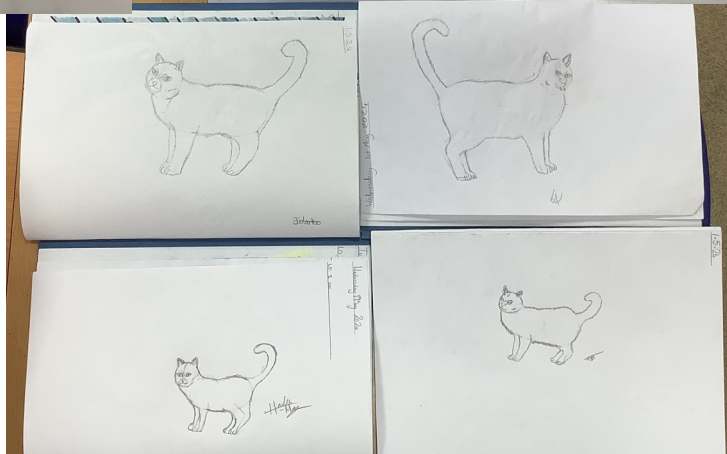
2) Strips of paper are each 30 centimetres long. Steve joins strips of paper together to make a streamer. The strips overlap each other by 5cm. How long is a streamer made from only 2 strips? **55cm**

3) There are 60g of rice in one portion. How many portions are there in a 3kg bag of rice? **50**

4) 6 green apples for 75p, 10 red apples for 90p. Jason bought some bags of green apples and some bags of red apples. He spent £4.20. How many bags of each type of apples did he buy? **2 red apples, 2 green apples**

5) Cheddar cheese costs £7.50 for 1kg. Marie buys 200 grams of cheddar cheese. How much does she pay? **£1.50**

6) Amit has some small cubes. The edge of each cube is 1.5 centimetres. He makes a larger cube out of the small cubes. The volume of this larger cube is 216 cm³. How many small cubes does he use? **64**



Have a great long weekend,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Wilkinson