

Class Updates - 26.04.2024

Reception Butterflies update



AS part of our **Ready, Steady, Grow** topic the children have enjoyed planting **sunflower seeds** and they will be caring for their sunflowers over the next few weeks. Let's hope we get some warm and sunny weather soon!

The children have been developing their ball skills and are working on ball control and aim. In **PE** this week, the children were throwing balls into a basketball hoop. Butterflies were great at challenging themselves by moving further away from the net and they encouraged their friends by cheering them on.



In **RE** the children made lion masks as we read the Christian Bible story: **Daniel in the Lion's Den** using their fine motor skills .

Your child should have brought home the Summer set of **'tricky' words** that we are learning in **Phonics**—see if they can read the first few we have learnt this week. Thank you all for your support!

Have a great weekend, **Mrs Jeewan, Miss Hunter, Miss Murnane, Miss Willis and Mrs Tagg**





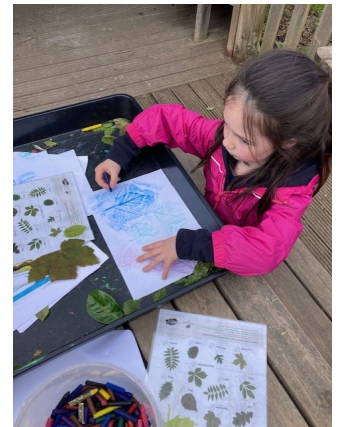
Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Year one have got back into routine very quickly and are working hard!

We have been researching meerkats in English, making posters to present our findings.



In Maths we have begun to look at fractions, finding halves of shapes and quantities. In PE, we are exploring how to control a ball with a bat or racket, working on dribbling the ball in different directions.



This term we are learning about plants in science and we have observed what flowers are growing around school and

home and designed our own gardens. We are working very hard on our sounds in Phonics and word reading skills! Please keep this up at home.

Ms Nicholson, Mr Powlesland and Mrs Wulfse





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in English we have been writing non-chronological reports about dogs. Everyone worked really hard to identify important key facts and organise them into paragraphs of information. In Maths, we started our fractions unit. This week we have recognised and found halves and quarters of a shape and a quantity. In science, we created food chains from different habitats. We looked closely at the vocabulary: 'producer, primary consumer and secondary consumer'.

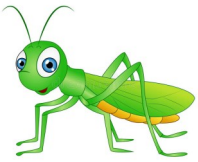


We have started looking at Wassily Kandinsky in art and have created an artist fact page after researching him and his artwork. We're looking forward to recreating some of his art work in the weeks to come! In computing, we started working on Chrome Music Lab. We used the instruments to create different patterns, making a variety of pulses and rhythms. This week in RE we looked closely at the Jewish story of Passover. We listened carefully to the story and then sequenced and illustrated the story into our books. We found the 10 plagues very interesting!

Mrs Holmes, Mrs Tickle, Mrs Segar and Mrs Slade



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



We have had another incredibly busy week in Grasshoppers! On Monday, we were lucky enough to visit the 'There Be Giants' project with local artist Jessica Pearce (who also worked on our lovely new school library and our Calm Room). This was a fantastic immersive art installation which is located at the Old Sun Inn, Saffron Walden. We looked across the six different rooms upstairs which all had different pieces of art within them.

All of the children had an opportunity to do some brass rubbings and sketches at the exhibition and produced some beautiful pieces of work. I was so proud of the class as Jessica and the volunteers at the gallery spoke about how polite and well-mannered the Year 3 class were during their visit. Well done Year 3!

I have included all of the information for the exhibition below if you would like to visit.

Have a great weekend, Mr Brown and the Y3 team



THERE BE GIANTS
19th April - 1st May
FREE ART EXHIBITION & INSTALLATION
INSPIRED BY LOCAL LEGEND,
HISTORY & FOLKLORE
CURATED BY JESSICA PEARCE

The Old Sun Inn
Saffron Walden
Essex CB10 1HQ



ARTISTS
Jessica Pearce
Aine Corr
Caroline Bugby
Michelle Thompson
Refinery Studio
Mr Mortimer's Wife
Richard Oliver

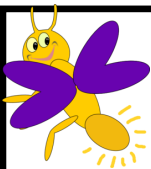
CHILDREN'S ART TRAIL
17th Century Art and History trail designed by Saffron Walden Museum with brass rubbing & craft activities.

For school group bookings: Contact: cpratt@uttlesford.gov.uk



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Year 4 Fireflies Update

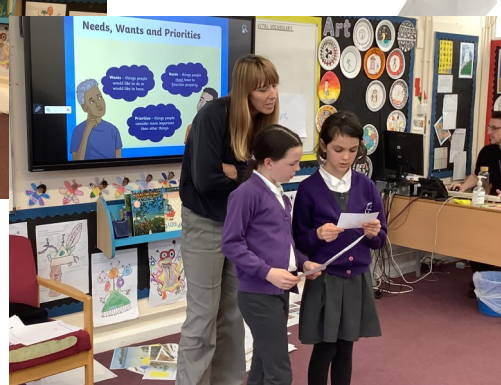
This week, in maths, we have started symmetry, looking at how many lines of symmetry different shapes have. In English, we are focusing on narrative writing and forming accurate, interesting sentences.

In science, the class sorted objects into solids, liquids and gases and then highlighted any that can change state. Whipped cream, sand and steam prompted interesting conversations. In PSHCE, with Mrs Chedzoy, the children looked at what we spend money on and whether it would be considered a need or a want, again it was very interesting to hear the children's views on this

Congratulations to our Year 4 archery finalists, who went and did us proud against 16 or so other schools!

Homework has been sent home today in the children's bags.

Mr Pike, Mrs Chedzoy, Mrs Smith & Miss Dye



Year 5 Busybees Update



We have had a very busy week in Year 5 this week and the Bees have been working hard - as always. In maths, we have been looking at classifying and estimating angles. In English, we have been practising writing in the style of a newspaper report as well as planning our own newspaper reports. Our music lesson saw us "Dancing in the Street" and in RE, we have continued our unit on Islam and have been researching and creating Islamic patterns. We were able to get our 'crumbles' working in Computing and have been honing our rounders' skills in PE.

A letter about the residential was sent home with your child on Tuesday—please can you return the green form that came with the letter by the 17th May? Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies Update

The Dragonflies have a lovely week, and had lots of visitors in too!

They have had a great time looking at websites and considering what makes an effective website; learnt about the beginning of the Second World War; drawn some of their own robins; and they have even managed to fit in some recorders!

The class are also ramping up the revision for their upcoming SATs—we've been having revision sessions and also playing some rock 'em sock 'em robots. The children are working extremely hard and it's been amazing to see how much knowledge they've gained over the year.

A big thank you also to Mrs Norman, Mrs Smith and Mrs Chedzoy who all came in to help us while Mr Clarke was off. The class had a wonderful time and the teachers all said they had a ball with Year 6 too!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Wilkinson

