

Class Updates - 14.11.2025

Reception Butterflies update



A busy and varied week in Butterfly class with lots of outdoor learning. This week we have been continuing the celebration topic talking about our birthdays and how we like to celebrate. We have had role play parties, played party games and made party food out of dough.

We have been working hard on phonics learning the digraphs ff. ss. Ll and the new sound j.

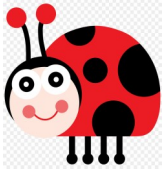
In Maths we have had lots of fun outside playing counting games around the numbers to 5 and practising positional language.

We have even made a start on our Nativity, learning songs and actions and talking about the Christmas story in RE.

It has been lovely to see you all at parents' consultations and have the chance to let you know how well they have all settled in to school life at St Mary's.

Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week, it was so lovely talking with you all.



We had a wonderful time in church this week celebrating Remembrance Day, where we showed off our poppy pin wheels, sang songs and shared a minutes silence.

In maths this week we have continued with subtraction. We have used number lines, played subtraction board games and began problem solving.



In English this week we have continued looking at Meesha Makes Friends. We are beginning to learn about the main character and make connections between her and ourselves. We also shared a zoom call with poet and writer Michael Rosen, which was brilliantly funny!

Mrs Holmes and the year one team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in **Maths**, we have moved on to **addition**. The children did really well and were able to add **two-digit** and even **three-digit numbers** confidently.

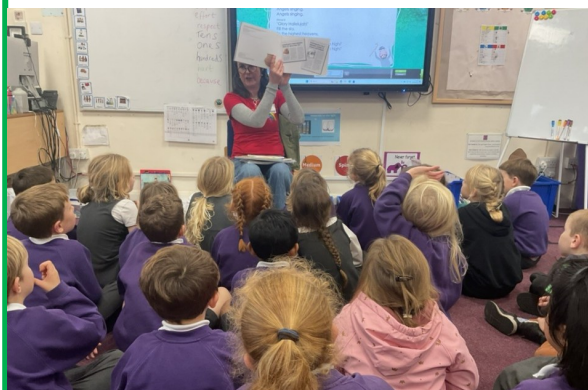
In **English**, we are continuing to explore different parts of our class book, *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, and have been focusing on **describing owls** in detail.

In **RE**, we have been learning about **Incarnation** and discussing **Jesus as the Son of God**.

Finally, we were very lucky to have an **author visit** our classroom this week! **Penny Byrne** came to Year 2 and shared her amazing book, *Rainbow Flo*. Through this story, the children learned all about **healthy eating** and the different **colours of food**. They really enjoyed listening to the story and asking Penny questions about **writing** and **being an author**.

It has been a fantastic week of learning and experiences for Year 2!

Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

This week in Year 3, we have been busy finishing our addition and subtraction unit in Maths. The children have been solving worded problems and using the inverse to check their answers - a great way to show their growing confidence and understanding! In English, we've been focusing on writing descriptively, using similes to make our writing more vivid and engaging. The children have really enjoyed experimenting with language to paint pictures with their words. We also played a game called 'conscience alley' to help us step into the characters' thoughts and feelings more. This week we took part in the Remembrance Service, both at church and in class, showing respect and reflection during this important time.

It has also been a week of authors in Year 3! We had a special visit from an author — Penny Byrne (Charlie's aunty) — who shared one of her books all about healthy eating to tie in with our current Science unit. The children loved listening to her read and were full of thoughtful questions about what it's like to be an author. We also took part in an online zoom workshop with Michael Rosen where we listened to him showcasing some of his poems—we were able to join in and found him very funny!

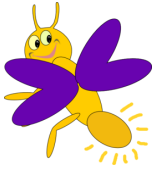
To finish off the week, we got involved in a range of **Anti-Bullying Week** activities, discussing kindness, respect and how we can all play a part in making our school a caring place for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend all!

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update



As part of anti-bullying week, the children took part in a **PSHCE** lesson based on recognizing the experiences of others and writing things they liked about themselves. They then shared these as a class and we have continued the discussions by talking about things we like about each other.

During Monday's Remembrance Service at the Church, I was really impressed by the way the class behaved so respectfully and they really enjoyed showing off their Poppy creations.

We also really enjoyed a morning session online with author and poet Michael Rosen. The children shared their favorite poems with each other before we joined online, where they listened to Michael tell stories and poems, and share the work of other children around the country. This was followed by a Q and A and has really inspired Year 4 to get writing. I look forward to seeing this in their **English** in the coming weeks.

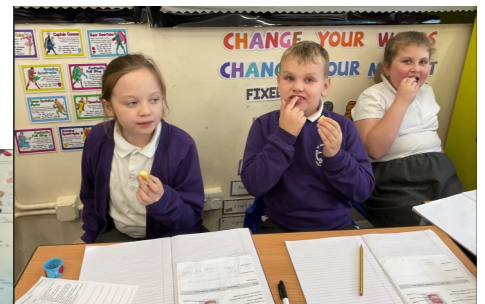
In **Science** this week, the children continued their learning about types of teeth by exploring and recording which teeth they needed to use for different foods. They enjoyed getting hands on with different healthy foods and this sparked some really insightful discussions about teeth and digestion.

Some children from Year 4 also took part in Archery trials this week and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm and how many of them had been recognised by Miss Driscoll for their efforts.

It was great to see so many of you at the book looks and for parent consults. It has been a pleasure to be able to share the children's efforts, progress and achievements.

I look forward to another great week in Year 4 next week,

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



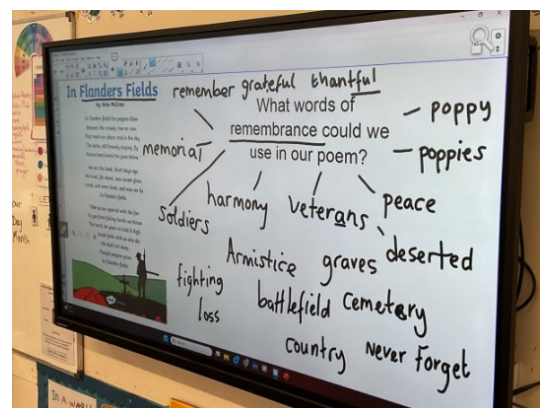
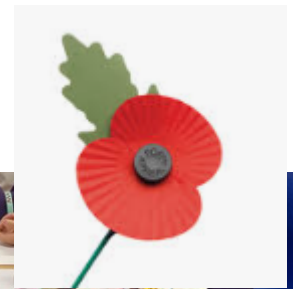
This week in Maths we have been using rounding to check the accuracy of our mental math answers. It was also a great opportunity for the class to revisit this, often tricky, skill.

In English, we have been practising speech punctuation and comparing settings from our book, I'll Take You to Mrs Cole. I have been so impressed with the development of creating writing this year so far.

This week was 'Anti-Bullying Week' so we discussed the importance of showing kindness, respect and compassion to others. We then made anti-bullying/pro-kindness posters for around the school to show we are a school that values kindness and equality.

On Monday, we all went to the church for our Remembrance Service. The children took poppies they had made as a symbol of remembrance. Then, on Thursday we revisited the history of the poppy and Remembrance Day and why it is so important to remember those who fought and are fighting for our country. Using this information, the class wrote poems around this theme.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's been a jam-packed week in Year 6, full of special guests, hands-on learning and even a prehistoric healing ritual!

In English, we were lucky enough to have not one, but TWO visiting authors. First, we joined a live Zoom talk from none other than Michael Rosen, who spoke to schools across the country about poetry, writing, and (quite a lot about) food! Later in the week, we had a visit in person from Penny Byrne, an author who writes stories set on the Isle of Jersey. She gave us a fantastic talk about what it's like to be published and shared insight into other jobs linked to books too, like illustrators, graphic designers and editors. It's been a truly inspiring week for our budding writers!

In Maths, the children have been working hard on area, perimeter and volume. They've learned the formulae for different shapes and even tackled compound shapes with confidence. Can your child remember the formula for the area of a triangle?

In Science, we learnt about the heart and its role in transporting oxygen around the body. The children became different parts of the circulatory system and acted out the journey of the blood: from the left atrium, through the body, and back to the lungs via the right ventricle.

In History, we kicked off our new unit by going all the way back to prehistoric times. Our tribe (or clan!) came together to heal some of our injured fellows using prehistoric methods—with the help of our tribal spirits Heema and Sheema, of course! We even treated one unfortunate clansman who was suffering from evil spirits. Can your child remember how we cured him of the bad spirits?

Have a great weekend Year 6!

Mr Clarke

