

Class Updates - 22.06.2023



Butterflies update:

New date for the Reception Graduation Assembly —Friday 14th July.

The children have loved a visit from **Supertato** and **The Evil Pea** this week and have made **Wanted Posters** for the Evil Pea to go around the school.

In Maths the children have been learning about estimation, which are sensible guesses, and they have all estimated how many peas had been trapped in a jar by The Evil Pea.

Well done to Finley and Charlie who had very good estimations of 60 and 70. The actual number of peas was 65!

The children have created their own Supertato using potatoes and art resources and drawn pictures, wrote stories or used other resources...



The children have also been 'Superheroes' in the role play area, acting out superhero stories.

Wishing you all a 'super' weekend!

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We started the week listening to some lovely poems in English. We went outside to listen to nature as we read the poems and we also learnt some poems that we could sing along to with Mr P. In maths, the children have amazed us all by their fantastic addition and subtraction skills and how well they have presented this in their books. We looked at our baby and toddler pictures at the end of last week and will be using them again next week to write our poems. If you have not sent any photos in, please do either print or email these to the school office as the children have loved looking at them! We need a baby, toddler and present day picture—thank you.



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

In maths this week, we have started our statistics unit. We have been looking at how to read and create tally charts and tables. In English, we have been looking at the features of non-chronological reports. We have also been researching animals of our choice ready to write our own non-chronological reports next week.

In PE this week, we have been practising our jumping skills and have been applying these to games. In PSHE, we have looked at the importance of hygiene and the different things that we need to do to ensure that we are keeping clean and looking after ourselves. We have continued with our coding on Scratch Jr in computing this week and the class practised swapping between different settings using coding.

We also had a special visitor, Mr Griffiths, to come and talk to EYFS and KS1 about his job and what it involves.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

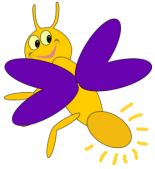
The children have had another fantastic week. Today (Thursday 22nd June) we went to the Saffron Walden museum. During the visit, the children were given certain objects that they needed to find throughout the museum and figure out what their purpose was. This visit linked to our topic of the Stone Age and the children were able to find many different artefacts linked with this aspect of Pre-history. At the museum we managed to find tools, jewellery and we even did a 'Pre-History Hunters' activity where the children had to find a Mammoth tusk and a Woolly Rhino model. I was delighted with how the children behaved during their time at the museum and they worked together in small groups fantastically well. I hope they enjoyed their morning!

We were also lucky to have a visit from a French theatre company who performed Les Aventures de Lapin. The children enjoyed taking part in the performance through a range of songs and joining in with the performers.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A shorter but equally busy week this week! In maths, we have been looking at angles, identifying and comparing right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles.

In English, we have been doing activities based around our class book Wonder.

We started by finding a wide range of words to describe characters from the book and presented them in the face of August the main character. We then wrote precepts (mottos for life) on postcards like the children do in the book.

In history, I gave the class a range of artifacts to look at from the Roman period. They then had to try and identify what they were and what we can learn from them about life in Roman times. The oil lamp really puzzled the class!

On Wednesday, KS2 had a French theatre company come in to perform, Les Aventures de Lapin. The whole performance was in French but the class had been learning songs in French to join in with the performers. The class seemed to really enjoy the staging and experiencing something very different.

Please keep raising money for our sponsored fundraising run Fireflies!

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team





Year 5 Busybees Update

Year 5 started this week with our new English topic, Instructions. We had great fun playing a range of board games together, reading instructions and teaching each other how to play. If you have any board games or cards at home, please have a game or two and discuss the instructions (good and bad points) so the children can share this with the rest of the class.

The children have worked incredibly hard this week on various assessments, showing how much they have improved in their arithmetic skills and did well to remember all of the spellings from across the 3 terms, well done! We learnt some new French words thanks to the wonderful Théâtre sans Frontières with Mlle Christelle, Monsieur Cheval, Monsieur Lapin, Monsieur Tigre and Zobolac the zombie! We will all have the ear worm 'Moi j'adore les bananes' stuck in our heads for days!

We finished the week with a really interesting talk from Mr Griffiths who is Head of Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging. The children loved it and asked some fantastic questions. Thanks so much for your time Mr Griffiths. Enjoy your long weekend and see you Monday.

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dragonflies have really been ramping up their production practice this week—we've now begun adding in the solos and small group singing parts! We've also really started breaking down the dramatic sequences, focussing on not only how we're saying the lines but also what we're going to do while we say them.

The class had a great time learning the French songs prior to seeing the French play in the afternoon. They said that it was quite scary though, even as Year 6s!

In History, we learnt about the Blitz and how people kept themselves safe. To help the war effort, we created our own posters to keep the British people's spirits up and keep them in the know in case of a raid. The children spent time planning out their posters using the graphic design process before doing a final draft. They came out very professionally: take a look at some of them below!

We also began our poetry unit, working out the meter of each line of Roald Dahl's revolting rhymes and comparing it to the meter in Kipling's 'If'.

Have a great long weekend,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

