

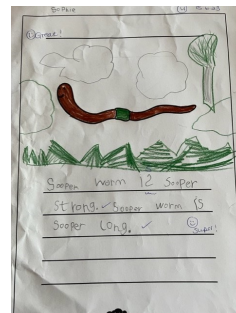
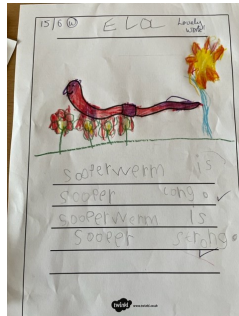
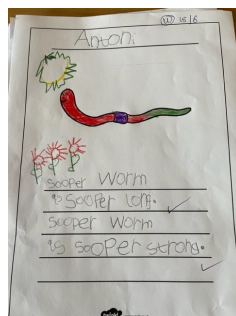
# Class Updates - 16.06.2023



## Butterflies update:

The children have coped well with the heat and have enjoyed some calming activities to try and keep them cool. Please ensure they have a sun hat during the sunny weather and a water bottle.

This week the children have really got involved with the **Superhero Topic** and have been **writing** about Superheroes and reading a range of superhero stories. The children helped to **read 'Superworm'** and joined in with the refrains and wrote how Superworm is very long and he is super strong. The children **designed super hero capes** and made some super **Superhero masks**...



The children also used Numicon in **Maths** to create sky scrapers for Superheroes and they had a go at counting Superheroes in twos, subtracting superheroes and looking at Superhero numerical patterns.

During **PSED and RSE** the children labelled parts of the body and some wonderful use of their phonics skills to write the body parts.

At **Forest school** the children had some lovely activities to do in shaded areas and enjoyed chilling with cold drinks and relaxing with their friends...



In **music** the children are learning a new song for their **Reception Graduation Assembly**.

Please make a note of it in your diary, **Friday 7th July at 9.00** the hall.

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



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## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

*What a hot week we have had! Year 1 have coped remarkably well with the heat and are really working hard in lessons. We have been looking at time in maths including using the vocabulary hours, minutes and seconds. In topic, we have been learning about human and physical features of a country. The class have been working very hard in phonics and we are so proud of how well they have applied themselves to the phonics screening check this week (results will be shared with you in due course). Most importantly, we have been enjoying spending time with each other and making memories in our last few weeks of Year 1! Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week.*



***Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team***



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week in Year 2 we have carried on with our measure unit in maths. We have been looking at volume and capacity and have been reading measurements in ml and l. We have also worked on applying this knowledge to solving word problems.

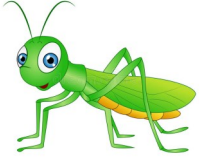
In English this week, we have been designing our very own pirates. We have had a mix of friendly and fearsome pirates created. The class have then used some brilliant adjectives and descriptive language to write character descriptions about their pirates.

In computing this week, we have been using Scratch Jr on the iPads. The children created their own settings and then used coding to move their character from place to place. We also had a special visitor on Thursday morning. Mr Walker came in to talk to the children all about his job as a journalist and to answer any of the children's questions.

***Miss Allin & the Year 2 team***



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



Well done on another productive week of learning! During this week, we were lucky to have an excellent career talk from Mr Walker- one of the parents in the school. He spoke fantastically about journalism and the different aspects of his job. The children came away feeling inspired by the talk and realising the hard work you must put in to become a journalist- including learning shorthand writing.

In English this week, we continued our poetry unit. The children enjoyed learning about a poem and even adding more information to the poem using descriptive techniques. I was amazed at some of the fantastic features the class added to the poem, and they developed some of their speaking and listening skills by performing for the class.

Finally, in PE, we started our rounders unit. This week, we mainly focussed on throwing and catching skills. We then concentrated on implementing the skills in a small game - I was impressed with how the children used perseverance and teamwork for this activity.

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown and the Year 3 team**





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week Year 4 had a visit from an artist, writer, and wild-crafter called Lora Aziz. She is embarking on a 7-day, 70-mile Radical Pilgrimage along The Saffron Trail as part of the Essex Book Festival's series of In My Steps: Radical Walks in Essex.

**About the pilgrimage:** Lora will start on 15 June at Southend Pier where The Saffron Trail hugs The Thames until it reaches Hadleigh Country Park. Across the next seven days, Lora will follow the trail through Hockley Woods, Danbury, Chelmsford and Great Dunmow, before finally arriving at Saffron Walden. Upon Lora's arrival in Saffron Walden there will be a celebration with a Moroccan Sufi Gnawa concert at Saffron Hall.

Lora worked with us before she embarks on her journey. The class explored some of the incredible plants you can find in Essex (and around our school grounds) and explained their uses, emphasizing the impact of our local natural resources, and encouraging the children to think about how they can protect the environments surrounding us.

She also demonstrated practical applications of our natural resources by dyeing fabric—specifically using saffron. The children then used different natural dyes, paints and inks to decorate a small fabric flag with a message about the natural world and the importance of protecting it. These will be displayed in the Saffron Hall during her return concert.

### Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



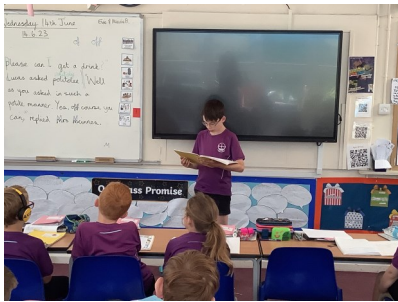
## Year 5 Busybees Update



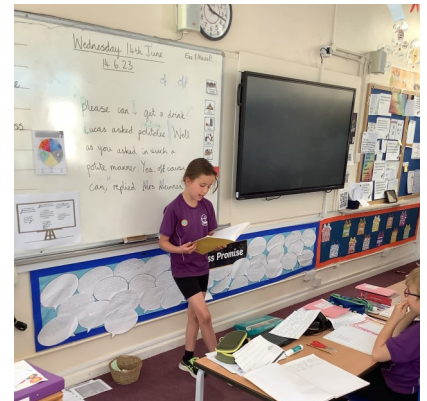
The week began with our Geography field trip around Saffron Walden. We walked to the Friends School Site and carried out a traffic survey and took photographs of the old school building



building. We then walked to The Avenue to see what the development looked like and then down to the Baptist church to conduct another traffic survey that we will analyse next week. It was a very hot morning but the children were very sensible and were a real treat to take out — well done Year 5! In the classroom we kept cool by creating our own interpretations of Chuck Close's work — fingerprint self portraits! These were surprisingly tricky to do but with very effective outcomes.



Governors Day went very well and the children were proud to share their final poems with a real audience! They delivered them with expression and thought carefully about pace. Our governors were impressed with their sense of humour and the passion the children showed for their work.



This week we have been lucky enough to have a couple of educational visitors — Mr Walker talked to us about being a journalist. We learnt lots about the job, skills involved including the amazing use of shorthand and how newspapers can help to give the people a voice. The children found it really interesting and came up with lots of good questions. Thank you for your time Mr Walker! Ella Mitchell is a local nurse who has liaised closely with the school in order to deliver some RSE lessons to the children. Her background as an experienced nurse will give the children an insight into this important career as well as learning some important facts of life. She started this week so your children may have further questions when they get home.

Have a wonderful weekend.

***Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll***





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

*Another week gone—it seems to just be zooming by! Soon the children will be off!*

*Dragonflies have been practising their production fastidiously, and the songs are really coming along well!*

*But this week has also been packed with a host of other activities! We had a lesson learning about the Blitz, where we listened to a speech from Churchill, watched video footage of eye-witness accounts of the bombings and even got to handle some artefacts on loan from the Saffron Walden museum!*

*One afternoon we took ourselves off-site (well, just to Bridge End Gardens) to do our Crucial Crew. We had talks from a wide range of agencies and the children, as always, were a credit to the school with their behaviour.*

*The class also did some preparation for one of the highlights of the school year: Sports Day! We practised the three-legged race, bean bag racing, the sack race and (to mixed results) the space hopper race. The children had a great time and are raring to have a go on the big day.*

*We were very pleased to have a visit from some old St Mary's students, who came to tell us what it has been like at Secondary school! They answered lots of questions and the children going to SWCHS got to meet their future head of year.*

*Have a great weekend,*

*Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman*

