

# Class Updates - 09.06.2023



## **Butterflies update:**

The children have had a lovely week back in their last half-term in Reception! We cannot believe how quickly the year has gone and how amazing the children are. We have started our new **Topic 'Superheroes!'** and the children wrote about which Superhero they would like to be. During this half term we will be talking about transition to Year 1 and have some visits to the Year 1 class.

At **Forest school** the children gathered nettles and were shown that the stripped stems can actually be plaited together to make bracelets. The children volunteered to gather the nettles, wearing gloves to protect their hands! We were impressed by their perseverance plaiting the nettles.

This week the children also got involved in lots more physical activities including



climbing the trim trail, swinging, moving across an obstacle course and climbing trees.

Have a super weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

*Ladybirds have come back from half term with lots of great learning attitudes! We have been very busy this week doing lots of practice for the phonics test next week as well writing some fantastic sentences in English. In Maths, we have been learning about money and we have started practising for Sports Day in PE. We have started using Scratch Jr in computing and programming animations and in Art we have been experimenting with paper weaving.*

*Now the weather is getting warmer, please can children bring named hats in—especially on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when we will be outside for Forest School and PE.*



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



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week, in Year 2 we have been looking at traditional fairy tales and their features. We have looked at Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Little Red Riding Hood. We compared the similarities and differences in these two fairy tales and have started to write our own versions of Little Red Riding Hood. In maths, we have started our new unit of work on measure. We have been looking at mass and weighing in grams and kilograms. We also solved some work problems based around this.

In PE this week, we have been practising our jumping and running and skills and learning and building on our knowledge of athletics ready for Sports Day. We started our RSE lessons this week and have been looking at naming different parts of the body. See if your children can remember their proper scientific names! In computing this week, we practised using Scratch Jr on the Chrome books. We enjoyed making different backgrounds and characters and will be looking at how we can code to make these move next week.

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





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Well done on the first week back after half term! The children have been excellent in getting back into routines and focussing on their learning. Throughout this week, we have looked at capacity and volume, specifically focussing on the differences between the two. The children have read scales and converted between millilitres and litres.

In PSHE, we looked at the meaning of the word 'stress' and what made us stressed and anxious. We then developed some ideas of things that would help support us when we felt this way and continue to help us grow.

During art, we continued to finish our cave paintings. The children used different pastels and used their own designs to complete their finished piece.

Finally, in PE we did some athletics training for an upcoming event. The children did running races, jumping and used a javelin to ensure we practised before the event. I was impressed with how well the children listened to instructions and tried their best.

Have a fantastic weekend,

**Mr Brown and the Year 3 team**



## Year 4 Fireflies Update

Welcome back Fireflies, how are we already on our last half term! We have a very busy few weeks coming up with lots of fun activities and our class trip.

This week in maths, the class have been looking at money. I have been really impressed with their previous knowledge. This has helped them identify, sort, add/subtract and solve money based problems. In English, we have started a poetry unit. We are focusing on personification—when objects are described using human qualities. We started by identifying verbs and adjectives that objects do/are and then discussing which could also be linked to human behaviour. Next week, the children are going to start writing their own poems using this skill.

In history, we looked at the Roman Empire and how much of the globe was under its leadership. The children then used maps to identify which modern day countries would have been governed by Rome during this time. It put in perspective how successful the Roman army was when they could see how far it reached. In P.E, we finished off our tennis unit and started some Sports Day preparation! We will also be doing some rounders this half term.

### *Mr Pike & the Yr4 team*



## Year 5 Busybees Update



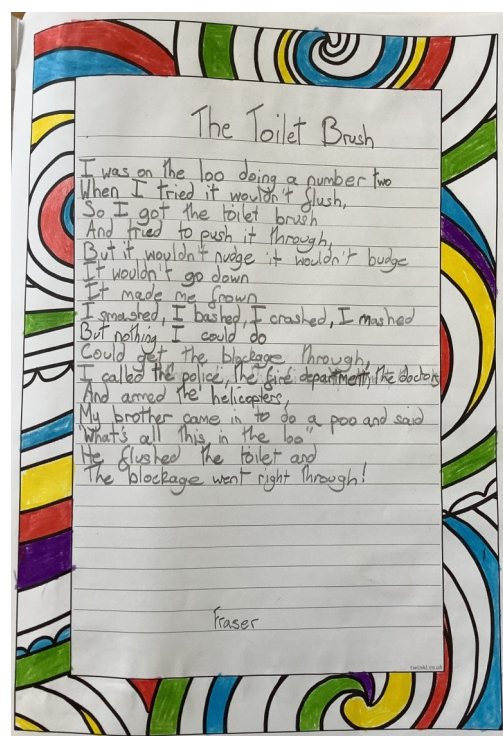
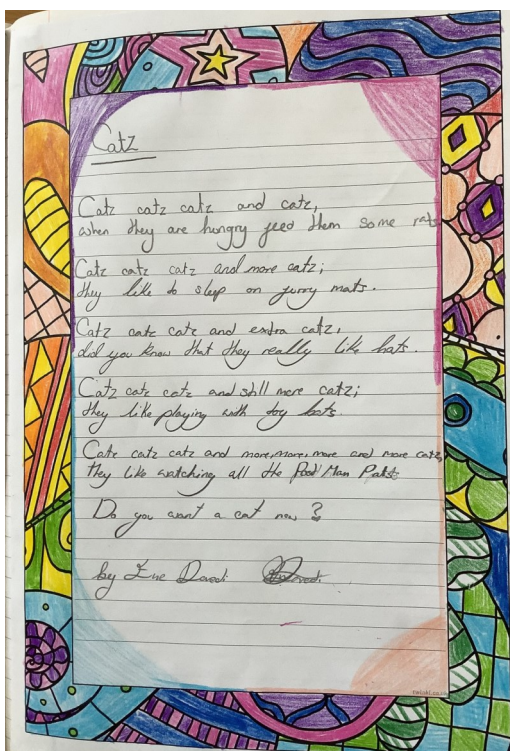
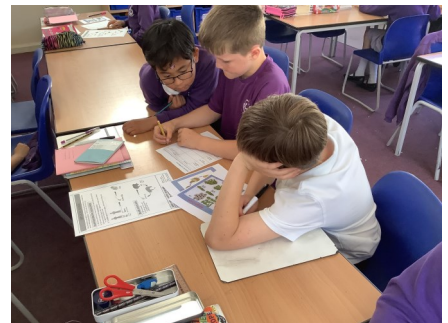
The children have come back refreshed and full of enthusiasm after half term, ready to take on lots of new challenges this week!

We have been excited to start practising our athletics skills, including field events, in preparation for the district athletics event at the end of the month and of course sports day later in July. The children impressed us with their focus and perseverance—the rounders we did last term has really helped their throwing skills improve for the howler and javelin and we have some fast runners. Keep practising at home.

Rehearsals have begun for the year 5/6 production - *Olivia*. We had our first session with year 6 which went really well. The children love the songs and year 6 were very good at guiding our class in the choreography, helping them to get the box step exactly right! This looks like it's going to be a fantastic show.

We have been finishing off a couple of projects this week—in English the children were writing up the final version of their poems which are really great, full of humour and detail, just like Michael Rosen whose poems we enjoy so much. Our science lesson sparked lots of discussion about the difference between various life cycles and we had fun guessing the gestation period of an elephant—a remarkable 22 months! Quick reminder—it's been very sunny and hot this week so remember to apply sun cream in the morning and send your children in with a hat. Enjoy your weekend, see you next week.

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



## Y6 Dragonflies Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our final half term of Year 6! The children have come back very relaxed after the half term break and raring to get started on our production. We've been learning the songs and had one full run-through already. Next week, we're going to start trying to do the early scenes without scripts on stage—so please give your child a hand learning their lines over the weekend if they're in scene or 1 or 2!

However, we're still managing to fit in some lessons around the production practice. We've begun our spooky story unit in English, where we read a story called 'The Old Richardson's' before analysing what made it so creepy. Hopefully, ours will be even scarier!

In History, the class learnt the events of World War II from the time Hitler took power all the way to Dunkirk. The children took control of the Axis powers on a game map and went through the invasions carried out by the Third Reich. Ask your child to see if they can remember Germany's main invasions in order!

We got outside for a bit in an extended PE lesson this week. The children practised their javelin, long jump and (their absolute, can't be topped favourite)...long distance running! They all pushed themselves well and we all learnt a great deal about why it is important to pace yourself.

In PSHCE, the children looked at organising a budget and explored the average salary of different jobs. They had to consider what they wanted in life and how they could get it!

In Art, we had some time exploring how to control paint shades by creating a dragon that built up from a dark tail to a lighter head. We also learnt that we can use the opposite colour on the colour wheel to darken our colours rather than using black (which can sometimes overpower the colour).

Have a great weekend,

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

