

Class Updates - 26.05.2023



Butterflies update:

Wow, such another very busy week!!

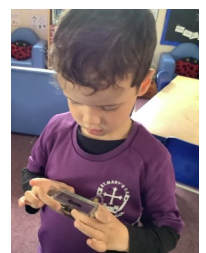
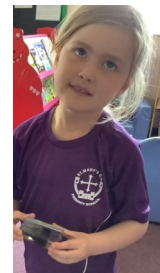
The children have enjoyed their learning challenges this week and the highlights included:

Minibeast exploration:

Thank you to Mrs Tickle, who brought in her amazing collection of minibeasts for the children to study. The children were all very brave and keen to hold the 35 different creatures, including spiders, beetles, scorpions and moths.

Having looked at the minibeasts very closely, the children agreed on different ways that we could group and classify them.

Once the creatures were sorted into groups, several children correctly recognised that they could often be placed in to two different categories, so they were introduced to Venn diagrams!



The children loved the **Let's Get Fit Workshops** and the trainer was so impressed with the children's behavior, their keep fit abilities and their understanding of healthy and unhealthy food.



Have a super half term break.

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

It's been a very busy and exciting week in school this week and the children in Year 1 have risen to every challenge and made us very proud. They were polite and welcoming to our visitor and spoke very articulately about their work.

In English, they have been writing instructions about how to find a monster, inspired by Malorie Blackman's book 'We're going to find the Monster'. In computing we made posters with the instructions. In Maths, we have been practising position and direction. On Wednesday, we had a workshop about healthy living and learned all about how to have a healthy lifestyle through diet, exercise and enough sleep! We will be finishing the half term with a whole school activities afternoon, working in our colour groups. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter & the Yr 1 Team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

It has been a very busy week this week in school with our special visitor. Year 2 did amazingly at welcoming them and shared their learning and how special out school was brilliantly. They also behaved beautifully. Well done Year 2!

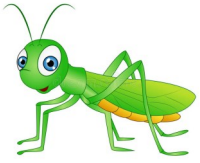
In maths this week, we have been finishing our time unit. We have been telling the time to 5 minute intervals and have been applying our knowledge of time to problem solving. Please do keep encouraging time telling at home! In English, we have been writing what we would do if we were King or Queen and have been writing setting descriptions based around a castle.

On Wednesday , we had a workshop all about healthy living. We looked at eating healthily and the importance of exercise, drinking enough water and having plenty of sleep. We ended the half term with a fun-filled whole school activity afternoon! Have a brilliant half term holiday, Year 2!

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team



Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



We have had an incredibly busy week, especially with our visitor here in our lovely school! I would like to thank the class for how amazing they have been during the process- I am very proud to be their teacher!

During this week, we had a fitness expert teach us all about diet and exercise. After that, the children completed different activities as a class, and then later in the day, we did a whole school workout! The children learnt many different food groups and had to match them to the correct area of our diets.

Also, during this week, we visited the local Library. The children behaved well and enjoyed gathering books about the Stone Age and learning how to use the Library's system.

Have a fantastic half term,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A very busy week this week, especially with our visitor here! I'd like to start by saying how proud I am of the class. They were beautifully behaved (as always), shared their learning and love of the school as well as being so respectful and considerate of how the adults around school might be feeling during the inspection. Well done Year 4.

In English, the class have been finishing off writing their instructions. It is so great to see how much their writing has developed this year and how proud they are of all they have achieved. In maths, we have been looking at time, including converting between 12 and 24 hour clocks. Most of the class have found this a tricky unit but have challenged themselves and persevered even when struggling.

In topic, we have been making Roman shields. The children designed their own pattern/design to go on the shield that represented them but also showed power and strength like the Roman army. We then used these shields to create the Roman battle formation—*Testudo*.

We had a fitness expert visit this week. He taught the class all about the importance of fitness, exercise and healthy living through an interactive and fun workshop.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



Year 5 Busybees Update



We've had a jam packed week and I'm so proud of our kids. They have put in so much effort, especially when we had our 'visitor', impressing her with their rounders and decimal maths skills.

We are really happy with how their rounders skills have come on this term. Not only is their throwing and batting much more accurate but they are also fielding more effectively and working really well as a



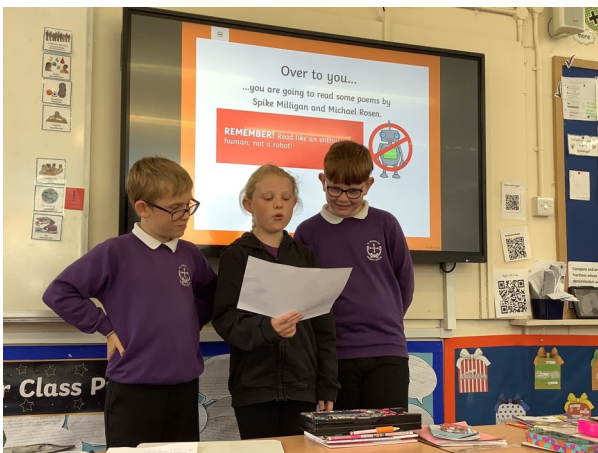
team, supporting and communicating with one another.



The action didn't stop there as we had a special Fit4 Kids workshop this week as a school. It was so interesting and fun—the kids not only learnt lots about a balanced diet but also completed lots of good fitness drills, including a whole school workout at the end of the day in the sunshine.

We are now coming to the end of our poetry unit and the kids had great fun practising their recital skills at the start of the week, finishing the week by writing their own Michael Rosen-style poems. We will polish them off first week back and look forward to typing them up and reciting them to an audience.

We hope that you have a wonderful half term and come back recharged, ready for the last half term of the year—we can't believe how quickly the time has gone!



Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll



Y6 Dragonflies Mersea Island Update

Dear Parents/Carers,
What a week we've had!

