

Class Updates - 19.05.2023

Butterflies update:



The children are really making progress with their reading skills. Please have a look at the Little Wandle book which your child is currently reading in school. Encourage your child to 'blend in their head' if possible, and then read the words. If they read the book through at least times, they are more likely to become fluent readers, practicing their blending and reading skills. Check that they have also understood what the book is about by asking questions and see if they can add intonation and expression (prosody) to their reading. The more children practice reading in school and at home the more they will love reading!

A note from Little Wandle, Letters & Sounds Revised:

Parents! If you have bought the 'Little Wandle at Home Phonics Flashcards' don't forget to check out four fun games to play with your children, and watch the videos how to play on the Collins website ... <https://collins.co.uk/pages/little-wandle-at-home>



GPCs we will revisit next week to check the children can remember them:

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| tail in the rain | ai | sheep in a jeep | ee | curl the fur | ur | wow owl | ow |
| a light in the night | igh | soap that goat | oa | boing boing | oi | get near to hear | ear |
| zoom to the moon | oo | hook a book | oo | chair in the air | air | a bigger digger | er |
| march in the dark | ar | born with a horn | or | | | | |

The children have been learning about eating healthy food and they made their own fruit salads, smoothies and fruit kebabs! They even wrote a sentence or list about what they did.



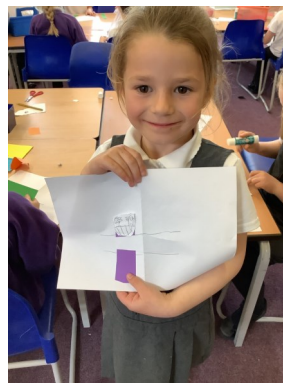
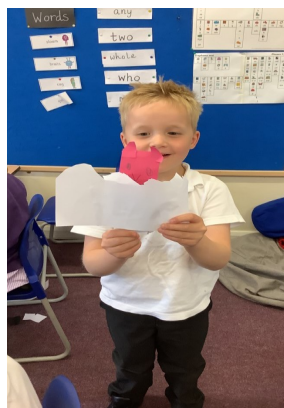
Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had some very busy Ladybirds in school again this week! They have all been working hard on their reading as well as comparing numbers in maths and creating story maps in English. We have also had a DT week this week where we have been designing and making a moving picture related to our topic on explorers! The children came up with some fantastic ideas and can't wait to show you. We have had an extremely active end of the week, taking part in a PE multi-skills afternoon on Thursday and bikeability lessons on the playground on Friday. The cycling instructors were very impressed with the children's determination and resilience, even in the wet weather!



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a busy week we have had in Year 2! Caterpillars have worked really hard completing their final SATs papers this week. They have focussed amazingly over the last fortnight and have worked extremely hard in completing these. Well done, Year 2! We are so proud of all the hard work and effort you have put in.

In maths, we have continued to work on time and in English have been looking identifying and using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. We have been combining music and computing this half term and this week Year 2 composed their own musical sequences. We had a brilliant multi-skills afternoon on Thursday which was led by our Year 5s and 6s. They practised throwing, catching and bat and ball skills with the help of the older children.

On Friday afternoon, Caterpillars enjoyed a movie afternoon as a reward for all their hard work with their tests over the last fortnight.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Throughout this week, we have continued our measurement unit, looking specifically at weight and length. The children have been learning how to add and subtract weights, compare them and measure using scales.

In PSHE this week, we focussed on what makes a good listener. We had different scenarios where we had to focus on listening to others better and show we were focused when listening. The children also talked about how we can share our opinions and tolerance of others.

During art, the children used pastel colours as a skills-based lesson for creating a cave painting. The children explored different pastel colours and chose the most appropriate for their own design.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 team





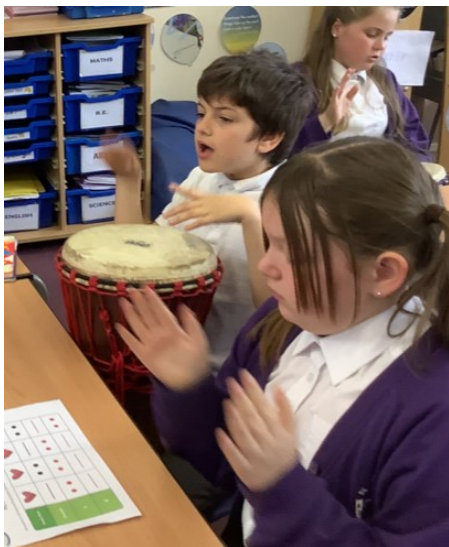
Year 4 Fireflies Update

I can't believe how quickly this half term is going and we are coming into the last week already! This week, we have been tackling 'time' in maths; converting, and comparing units of time. I have been really impressed with their previous knowledge.

In English, the class started writing their instruction texts using the maps they created for their magical/imaginative world; with a focus on using time adverbials, imperative verbs and adverbs. In History, the children have been learning all about the Roman Empire and why they invaded Britain. This week, we looked at why the Roman army was so successful focusing on their armour and fighting tactics. In music, the children used the drums to follow a beat and then spent some time creating their own rhythms and beats with the Roman army in mind.

In PSHCE, we carried on our 'economic well-being' unit focusing on ways to buy what we want/need, including: use of credit cards, direct debits, debit cards and loans and the risks attached.

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team



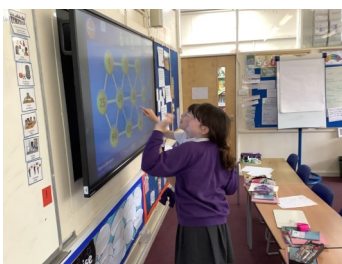
Year 5 Busybees Update



The children have been working really well in class after their busy week away in Danbury. We are all so proud of how they behaved last week, throwing themselves into all of the challenges (many bravely faced their fears), enjoying all of the food, saying thank you for their meals, making new friendships and sleeping so well at night—well done again Bees.



It is obvious that the children had a wonderful time on the residential as they have produced some fantastic recounts of their experiences at Danbury, showing that they are secure in using paragraphs and time connectives. Mrs Robinson loved hearing about it all as she couldn't be there with us.



In maths, we continue with our unit on decimals and fractions as well as practising squared and cubed numbers. If you haven't played it, Hit the Button is an excellent game for practising key arithmetic skills and the children loved it so some extra practice at home would be really beneficial.

This week we have talked a lot about respectful and disrespectful behaviours. The children have impressed us with their maturity and came up with lots of their own ideas for how to treat each other. They proved their understanding of this key value by helping Miss Driscoll with the KS1 multi-skills event, organising the younger children brilliantly. Mrs Coleman from SWCHS also commented on their enthusiasm and hard work.

We ended the week with a lovely service at the church to celebrate Christ's ascension which the children really enjoyed. Have a great weekend!

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll





Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dragonflies have been having a great time after the crucible of the SATs last week! They have been burning off that energy by taking part in bikeability, where they have been learning how to travel on the roads safely. They've all done extremely well and were very sensible.

We've also been exploring our creative sides! In Art, we have looked at shading and how to give structures to our drawings so that they look realistic. We also put our imaginations to work in Science, where we designed our own zoos to help us learn about ways to group different living things.

We have also played lots of games together, including chess, twister, wink murder and a variation on 'I went to the shops' in which the children thought it would be better to add forfeit burpies into the ruleset!

We'll see you next week for the residential—make sure to check the kit list one more time before Monday!

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

