

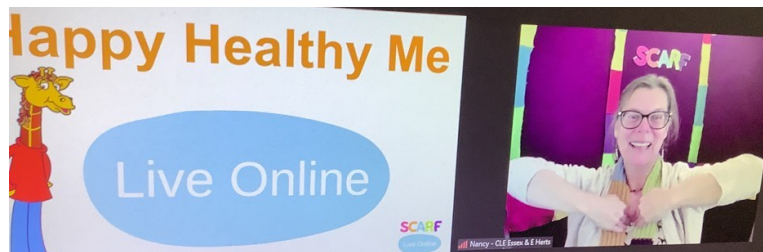
Class Updates - 12.05.2023



Butterflies update:

Another super week Butterflies!

The children really enjoyed the **Coram Life Education & SCARF Live Online workshop** with Nancy and Harold the puppet giraffe. The workshop was fun and interactive and the children enjoyed learning about keeping their bodies healthy, managing their feelings and being a good friend. Butterflies were able to join in with the mantra 'Happy, health me' and talk about what they need to do to be happy and healthy. The children also enjoyed showing Harold how to use the 'Tin Man, Rag Doll' game to help stay calm if upset or angry. Well done Butterflies, we were very proud of your responses and participation.



For more information visit the Coram Life Education website and parents page at:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf>

Thank you to the parents who attended the parent workshop, I hope you found it informative and useful.

Royal dogs attended Forest School this week, the log dogs made by Mrs Wulfse really engaged the children. The children also enjoyed a bug hunt, digging and they discovered lots



of snails!

We are also saying Goodbye to Naomi who has moved home and we wish her all the best in her new school.



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team



Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Ladybirds have been busy this week securing their place value knowledge of numbers to 100. They have also met Traction Man in English and have been continuing to practise reading phase 5 sounds in both real and alien words in phonics. Please do practise the words we sent home for homework as this will really help! We were aiming balls into targets in PE and had a special live zoom session in PSHCE where we met Harold the giraffe and we talked about how to keep our minds and bodies healthy. In Science, we are watching as our sunflower seeds begin to push through the soil and making sure they are watered carefully. In computing we have enjoyed learning how to change text, using different fonts and changing writing into bold, italic and underlined to draw attention to the text.



Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team



Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week Caterpillars have started completing their end of KS1 SATs papers. I have been so impressed with their focus and resilience whilst completing these. They have been working so hard to show everything they have learnt throughout the year.

In English, we have created our own dragons. They have varied from helpful, caring dragons to fearsome, fierce ones. The class then wrote a description of their dragon ensuring to use a range of exciting descriptive vocabulary.

In PE, we have been working on our racket skills. The class have practised their racket grips and being able to hit and control the ball.

On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed our Scarf PSHCE session with Nancy and Harold the giraffe where we talked all about how we can stay safe with our friends.

Miss Allin & the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

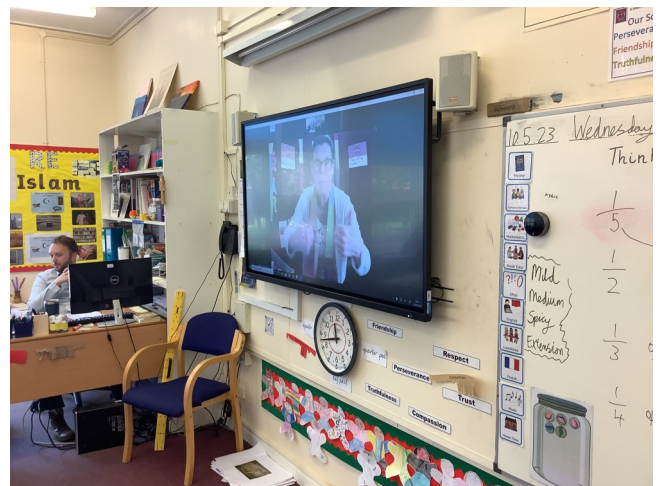
Throughout this week, we have moved on to our measurement unit in Maths. Having found this initially quite tricky, the children did exceptionally well today. The children explored different weights by touch and moved onto reading scales.

In PSHE this week, we had our 'SCARF' workshop. The children developed their understanding of what is deemed healthy and unhealthy. They were given examples of foods and exercises to help our mental well-being and fitness. During the workshop, the children even did a rap to help them learn how we can improve our mental health.

During Science, we continued our learning based on rocks and fossils. This week, we looked at the fossilisation process. The children had to investigate the different stages of this process and how fossils develop over time. Once they had completed the various steps, they had to match the correct picture with the statement.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Brown and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

Even though it was a four-day week, the Year 4's have had an eventful few days. In music, they played percussion instruments following 4-beat rhythms and learning musical terms such as piano, forte, legato and staccato.

In groups, during science, the children designed and built their own bridges using blue tack, paper clips, straws, lolly sticks, string and tape. It was very interesting to see their different ideas and how creative they could be. Their bridges needed to be able to hold a stack of two pence coins and James, Henry, Oscar and Lily-May's group balanced 37 coins making them the winners.

Mrs Shackleton taught the children how to use tapping as an effective tool for helping them with their emotions and moods. Some of the Year 4's lead the tapping sessions, which proved to be very successful.

The Year 4's need to be commended on their impeccable behaviour whilst the Year 6's were taking their SATs. Well done Fireflies!

Mr Pike & the Yr4 team





Year 5 Busybees Danbury Fun



Year 5 have had a wonderful time at Danbury Outdoors this week. All updates can be found on the school website <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/stream/news/headline/1/-//> or facebook page.

Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll



Y6 Dragonflies Update

Dear parents/carers,

Year 6 have had a tough week, completing six papers for their SATs as well as having after-noon revision sessions to be ready for the next exam. But they have dealt with the pressure extremely well and we at St Mary's have all been impressed with the maturity on show by all Year 6 pupils.

We did manage to squeeze in some fun activities on the Friday (even though the picnic was a bit of a wash-out!), and everyone enjoyed the breakfast/yoga sessions in the mornings. Hopefully, the children didn't find the process too stressful and should feel proud with their work throughout the week.

Have a relaxing weekend—you've earned it, Dragonflies!

Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

