

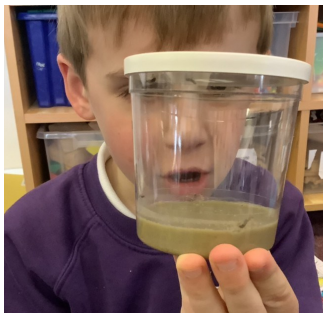
# Class Updates - 21.04.2023



## **Butterflies update:**

Welcome back. The children have come back to school ready to learn and have become fully engaged with our new Topic **'Ready Steady GROW!'**. The children have also settled so well into the school routines and behavior expectations. Well done Butterflies!

The children are amazed at how quickly our hungry caterpillars have grown and that some are starting to form their chrysalis'. This half term the children are learning about life cycles and they have discovered that the life cycle of a butterfly is truly amazing due to caterpillars undergoing a complete metamorphosis. The children are excited to see what kind of butterflies we will have.



The children have also enjoyed planting sunflower seeds this week and then writing instructions of what they had to do. They found lots of new buds and flowers at Forest school and are taking good care of them too.



We will be reading lots non-fiction and story books about life cycles, growing plants, healthy food and how humans grow.

Please bring in any relevant books that your child would like to share with the rest of the class. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend!

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**





## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

*What a super first week back at school. It has been wonderful to see the children again and they have settled back into the school routines very quickly.*

*We have started an exciting new topic called Adventure into the Unknown—the children were very excited about the floating house that appeared in our classroom! We investigated an explorer's backpack in Topic and talked about what an explorer might do. In English, we started a new book called Meerkat Mail and have been thinking about where in the world meerkats live and what adventures they might get up to. We enjoyed getting outside in PE using rackets and balls and in RE we have started learning about Muslims and what they believe. This term in Computing we will be writing on a computer and learning to edit text. Lots of Forest School pictures this week!*



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



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

Year 2 have settled back into their work brilliantly after the Easter holidays. We have continued with our fractions unit in maths this week and the children have done a fantastic job of identifying unit and non-unit fractions and have been looking at  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2}{4}$  as equivalent fractions. In English, we have started looking at the features of a set of instructions and have been working on our SPaG skills ready for writing our own.

The class created some brilliant pieces of artwork based around the work of Piet Mondrian. They looked carefully at the use of line and primary colours to create their artwork. In PE this week we have been looking at the skills needed for batting and fielding games and showing some excellent catching skills too—using tennis balls.

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





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

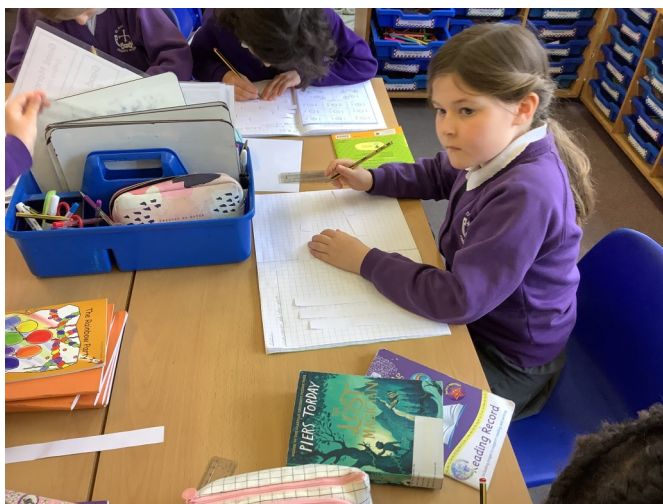
Well done on a brilliant first week back after Easter. This week in maths, we have developed our understanding of fractions and looking at comparing and ordering fractions. I have been so impressed with how the children used their mathematical vocabulary to explain how and why they put the fractions in a specific order. During the lessons, they also were able to use ascending and descending to describe the order, which was very impressive!

In English, we started looking at instructional-based texts. We have been learning about where we find these types of texts and looking at some key features in more detail.

Finally, In PE, we started tennis. The children used balance and coordination to play different games with their partners. The children showed fantastic encouragement to each other in playing a different sport.

Have a fantastic weekend,

### Mr Brown and the Year 3 team





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

Welcome back Fireflies! We have got straight back into things this week and I have been really impressed with everyone's positive attitude, focus and effort!

In maths, the class have been finishing off our fractions and decimals unit by comparing, ordering and rounding decimals. In English, we have started our new unit, 'instructions'. The class have been giving each other instructions as well as writing instructions linked to the book 'Where the Wild Things Are'.

In science, we have started our new 'States of Matter' unit by identifying solids, liquids and gases and looking at the particles and how they differ.

The class have been working really hard on their times table knowledge in school ready for their **Y4 Multiplication Check** in June. The next step is to build up their speed as they only have 6 seconds per question. We have been using the following website as a practice tool and it would be really beneficial if the class could practise further at home to increase their confidence and speed.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

### Mr Pike & the Yr4 team





## Year 5 Busybees Update

We've had a great week back after the Easter break and the children are enjoying the new topics that we have started. The classic Victorian poem, *The Kraken*, by Alfred Tennyson sent us on a journey researching lots of different sea monsters which the children loved.

We read through the poem, noting the interesting, old language and thinking about how to change the pace as we read poems to make it more exciting. Next week we will continue to study the Kraken and come up with ideas for our own poems. We will also be looking at modern poems by Spike Milligan and Michael Rosen in the coming weeks.

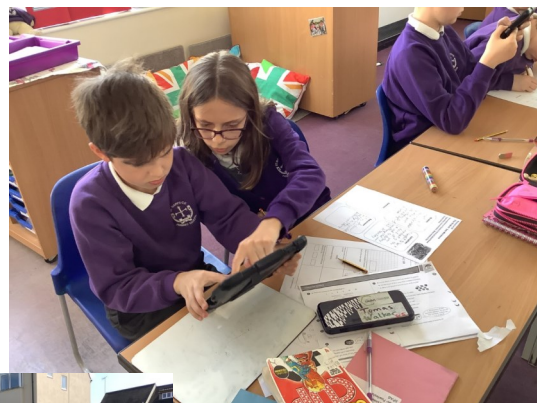
It was fabulous to get out in the sunshine and the children showed how much they had remembered about rounders by displaying some good throwing, bowling, catching, batting and fielding skills. Next week we will play some real games in preparation for the event later in the week.

Science was quite challenging—we discussed the advantages and disadvantages of asexual and sexual reproduction, thinking about how species evolve and adapt to different environments and disease but also how challenging it can be for plants to reproduce if they are isolated.

Our new focus in Geography is to carry out an independent fieldwork enquiry and we came up with lots of ideas about our area of interest—the old Friends School site. We will address all of our questions over the next half term.

Have a great weekend—don't forget it's the residential parents' meeting on Wednesday 26th April at 5pm here at school. See you there!

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





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

Welcome back- hopefully, you all had relaxing and fun-filled Easters!

The children came back to...tests on the first day! Unfortunately, these were ones where we had been chosen to trial future question types so were unavoidable! However, the children did really well and were able to give insightful feedback to the examination board representative (we also went on the adventure playground during an extended lunch as a reward—but don't let Mr Jarmain know!).

There are only a handful of sessions left before the children sit their SATs, and Dragonflies class have been recapping areas and revising so that they can really show off all they know. The children have shown fantastic maturity in deciding which areas they need to focus on most and we've also been playing lots of quiz games to make the revision a bit more fun; the children particularly like our Revision Rock 'em Sock 'em game, where they have been sorted into teams to battle each other for prizes!

It's not just been studying though; we've also managed to start our History unit, where we learnt about the build-up to the Second World War—ask your child if they remember any of the events and their opinion on the Treaty of Versailles! They also had their first recorder lesson with Mrs Norman and their first swimming session of the year. They were very well behaved and a credit to the school at the Lord Butler Leisure centre.

Well done for completing such a full first week back and we'll see you Monday!

### Mr Clarke and Mrs Norman

