

St Mary's C of E Primary School

Butterfly Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Families,

We hope that you enjoyed the collaborative learning workshop. The children loved having their adults in the classroom and it was such a pleasure to see them so confident in showing you their environment. We hope to run another workshop before the end of the year, so watch this space!

This week was Science Week. The children looked fantastic in their fancy dress and enjoyed talking about what they had dressed as. We joined with KS1 and got into groups to design a bed that could fly them into space! The children had such excellent ideas (their imaginations are far better than ours!) and were really thinking about the logistics of things. One Butterfly said "If it doesn't have a fire jet engine, then it can't zoom up".

In literacy we have been reading "Goldilocks and the Three Bears". The children have created puppets to help them retell the story, written apology letters and created their own porridge recipes. Last week, we read the story "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Jasper's Beanstalk". The children thought about adjectives to describe the characters in the story and used their imagination to think about what else they might find at the top of a beanstalk. When reading Jasper's beanstalk, we ordered the steps required for planting a beanstalk, using days of the week. We even planted our own beans and can't wait to watch them grow!

In maths, we are starting to look at more complex patterns, so instead of just a two step pattern, we have looked at 3 steps and beyond. For children so young, identifying patterns is quite complex so it does take some time to see progress with this. That being said, we are very impressed with how interested the children have been. As well as patterns, we have been looking at 'greater' and 'lesser' with groups of items. The children have used subitising skills to identify the group with the greater or lesser amount. Towards the end of the week, we

introduced 3D shapes (sphere, cube, cuboid and cone) and spent time looking at what they represent in 'real life' items. We also linked our 2D and 3D shape knowledge by discussing the faces that we could see on the 3D shapes we looked at.

Of course, last week the children really enjoyed the brief stint of snow! As well as exploring outside, the children really loved painting the snow and watching the colours change as the snow melted.

Notices for the week:

- Mrs Davies enjoyed meeting with some of you at Parents Evening this week. Mrs Sage is looking forward to seeing the rest of you on 30th March.
- Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they can not come to school for 48 hours since the last episode.
- If you are not already following our Instagram page, please do! This is a great way to see some of the learning that happens in the class each day. You can find us at [stmaryseys](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryseys).

Optional home learning:

Patterns really are EVERYWHERE! See if you can spot some with your child or even create patterns at home.

The weather is really allowing us to focus on one of our 7 EYFS areas 'Understanding the World'. You could have discussions about the changes in weather, go to the park and see the flowers beginning to bloom or find worms in the mud and talk about why they might be visible at the moment.

Best wishes,
Mrs Davies, Mrs Sage and Mrs King



