

Friday, 28th June 2024

VJS NEWS



Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong

Mrs. Barham, Upper Phase Leader

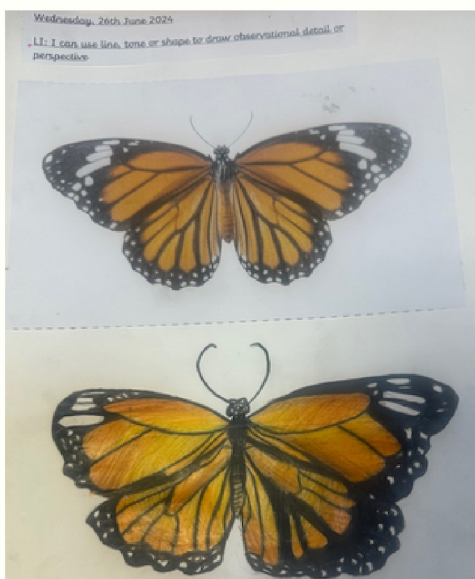
In Year 6 this week, our young artists have been thoroughly engaged in exploring the theme of 'Bees, Beetles, and Butterflies'. They have particularly enjoyed studying the works of artist Lucy Arnold and creating their own observational drawings. It has been wonderful to see the talent and creativity of our students shine through in their artwork.



Samiksha - Laurel



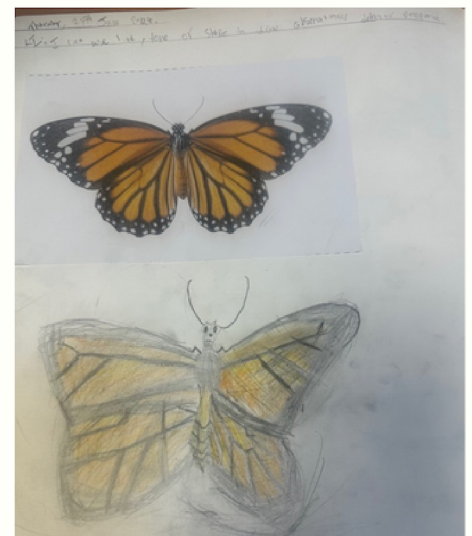
Nicole - Cherry



Isla - Laurel



Josiah - Chestnut



Corey - Cherry

Upcoming Dates

Monday, 1st July - Upper Phase Sports Day (am)

Tuesday, 2nd July - Lower Phase Sports Day (am)

Tuesday, 2nd July - Secondary School Transition Day

Wednesday, 3rd July - Springwest Taster Day for Year 5



If you are available on the morning of Monday, 1st July or Tuesday, 2nd July and would like to volunteer to support staff in travelling to Springwest Academy for Sports Day, please speak to Mr Tavey (even on the day of the event).



A little reminder that we are a nut-free and fish-free school due to pupils in our school having severe allergies to these foods. Please ensure that packed lunches and break time snacks do not include products that contain these ingredients (this includes chocolate spreads, cereal bars and food cooked in fish oil).

It's Pasta Time!



11th July - Beech Class
18th July - Ebony Class
24th July - Rowan Class



Current Year 5 pupils will receive their Pasta Kits at the start of the new academic year!

WHAT'S NEW!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy week this week. In Writing, we are really getting involved with our topic 'Plundering Pirates.' The children have had a chance to do some taste testing of some interesting flavours (surprisingly, everyone enjoyed the honey) and have also been learning sea shanties (Yo Ho Ho!).

After a successful experiment to finish off our Science topic 'Plants,' the children are looking forward to our new topic 'Light and Shadow.'

To round off Art this week, we will be making our own mosaics. We are looking forward to seeing their designs with Tesserae, after some truly amazing practise art work with tissue paper, colouring pens and pencils. A big well done to Year 3!

Year 4

In Maths, Year 4 have been looking at statistics. They have been interpreting, comparing and plotting graphs. Our RE Topic this term is Christianity. As well as using drama to recreate baptismal events and weddings, children have also been using origami skills to create their own Churches.



In D&T we continue our journey into 'simple machines' and how they help improve our lives. Children have thoroughly enjoyed making their own simple machines using junk modelling, using materials that you kindly donated. Thank you! Take a look at some of their fantastic creations. Can you name the simple machine at work in each of the designs?





Year 5

It's been another learning-filled week in Year 5. We have focussed on developing our research skills in two separate subjects this week – RE and History.

In RE, we used our laptops to obtain information in order for us to produce an information poster about a famous person or organisation within Christianity. Our teachers were treated to some fantastic pieces ranging from a fact-file on Rosa Parks, a chronological report on Mother Theresa and an information poster detailing all the incredible work carried out by Christian Aid- a fantastic charity which helps those in need.

Ancient Athens was the focus of our next research project and this time we used information packs to help us answer an almost impossible question – who we thought was the most significant person from this era. Again, the teachers were treated to some fantastic pieces of work featuring amongst others : Cleisthenes, Plato, Socrates and Pericles. Those Greeks were a clever bunch!

Additionally this week, we began writing our journal from Mars, worked on converting units of measure in Maths, honed our passing and dribbling skills in Hockey and perfected our seaside vocabulary in French.

We're now going to rest up for the weekend and save all our energy for our Sports Day on Monday and our taster morning at Springwest Academy on Wednesday.

Year 6

We have been working extremely hard on our production, and it is coming together wonderfully. The dedication and enthusiasm displayed by the students have been truly remarkable, and I believe we are in for a fantastic showcase! I would like to remind all children to ensure their lines and song lyrics are learned and memorised by Monday.

As part of our 'Make Do and Mend' Design Technology project, we kindly ask that each child brings in a garment of clothing that requires repairing. This could be something as simple as an old, holey sock. This hands-on project will not only teach valuable skills but also foster a sense of creativity and resourcefulness in the children.

Additionally, please remember to send back the Road Safety Fieldwork Research with your child. We will be analysing this information in class next week, and it will greatly enrich our discussions and learning about road safety.

