



Mice Class Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026



Literacy

This week in English we have continued reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We watched a video of the lifecycle of a butterfly and learnt some new vocabulary such as cocoon, chrysalis and metamorphosis. We sequenced the life cycle and explained what happens during each stage, then we wrote sentences about it.

Maths

In maths this week we have continued our work on numbers to 20. We have practised sequencing numbers to 20, making numbers to 20 in tens frames using different manipulatives and matching numbers 11-20 to the correct amount on a tens frame.

Phonics

This week in phonics we have been working on reading and spelling longer words such as printer, shampoo, freshness and chimpanzee! We used our 'chunking it up' method to help us. Our new tricky words this week were 'there', 'when', 'what' and 'one'.

Our Core Concept this term is... Celebration and Change

Other learning this week...

This week we have looked closely at photos of butterfly wings and learnt the word 'symmetry'. We know that this means the same on both sides. We created our own symmetrical butterflies by painting one half of the butterfly's wings and then printing it onto the other side. These turned out really beautiful and will be hung in the corridor. We have also iced and decorated biscuits, built towers with the duplo and swimming pools and houses with the lego, and we have played with the sticklebricks too. Role play has been very popular this week, especially the police costumes! Our classroom was 'burgled' twice this week, but luckily our Mice class police officers were there to save the day!

Celebrations



This week we are celebrating **Levi** for showing our school values of courage and curiosity when handling and looking at Robyn's May bug that she brought in to show us. Thank you Robyn for bringing it in. It is fascinating!

We are also celebrating **Ellie** for her work on the life cycle of a butterfly. She sequenced the pictures independently and was able to explain what happens during each stage of the life cycle.

Important Messages and Dates for the Diary

Friday 22nd May- End of term

Sunday 24th May- Stelling Minnis Community Fun Run.

Monday 1st June- Term 6 begins

Monday 8th June- Class photos