



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st March 2025

## IN THE CLASSROOM

### SAPLINGS

The children have been engaged as we have learnt and followed the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. Key vocabulary has been learnt such as egg, caterpillar, leaf, cocoon, chrysalis and butterfly.

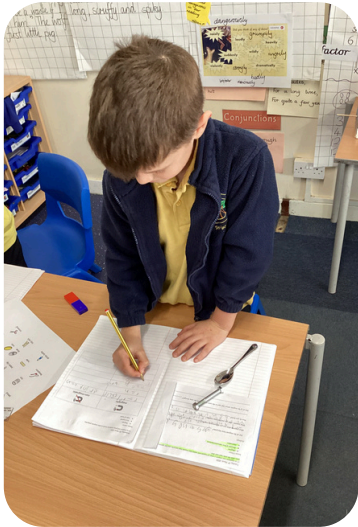
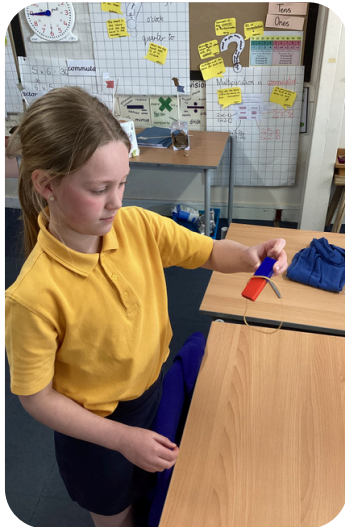
The children have watched our caterpillars eat and get bigger, the children have referred back to the book to look for the items of food the caterpillar might eat. We are now at the stage where the caterpillars are changing, it'll be time for the caterpillars to sleep in their cocoons (ask a Saplings child how long they sleep for they know the answer) and then fingers crossed we should have butterflies ready to release as we break for the Easter holidays.

Alongside this, the children have made butterflies using symmetry and repetitive patterns.



### YEAR 3

Eucalyptus class have been investigating magnetic and non-magnetic materials. We have used the scientific skills of testing, observing and recording results. The children have also developed their language using scientific vocabulary such as 'attract, repel, magnetic, repulsion and attraction'.



**YEAR 5**

As part of our RSHE learning, Year 5 have been learning about essential first aid skills. They have learnt how to put someone who is unconscious in the recovery position, as well as the steps needed to keep ourselves safe if we have to administer first aid.

**PADDINGTON'S PLAYDATE!**

This week, Paddington had a blast with the Class Reps! They enjoyed a fun stroll around the playground, with Paddington happily soaking up attention from everyone they passed. It was a heartwarming moment that reminded us all how lucky we are to have Paddington in our school community! 🐾

**Stevenage Woman at the Lamex**

STEVENAGE WOMEN FC  
VS  
NEEDHAM MARKET WOMEN FC  
THE LAMEX STADIUM  
Stevenage, SG2 8HR

Miss Gunn and her team will be playing at the Lamex Stadium in Stevenage this Sunday 23rd March. Kick off time is 2pm. Tickets: Adults £6 and Children £2. You can purchase your ticket via the link below:

<https://www.venuetoobox.com/stevenagefc/ASP/bookTickets.asp?dept=Spectators>

It would be lovely to see some of the Martins Wood children and families there if you can make it! 😊

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- W/C 24th March - Year 5 Easter Journey Workshops
- 28th March - Non-Uniform Day (Easter Egg donations)
- Year 3 school sleepover
- 2nd April - Early Years Stay and Play
- 4th April - End of Term 2pm finish FOMW East Egg Hunt 2pm
- 23rd April - Children return for the Summer Term
- W/C 12th May - Yr 6 SATs week
- W/C 19th May - Yr 6 Bikeability
- 23rd May - INSET day

Whole school attendance is currently 94.8%

Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.