

SCIENCE UPDATE

March 29th 2017

Pre-Primary and Year 1



For their 'Schoolyard Safari' unit, our Pre-Primary and Year 1 students have been studying the characteristics and habits of particular mini-beasts, such as snails, ants and worms. The students worked together to create an 'Earthworm Viewer', which would provide a happy home for some worms and will allow us to observe them throughout the rest of the unit.

Year 2 and 3

What type of creature is a scorpion? If you answered 'insect', you are incorrect! As scorpions neither have six legs, nor antennae, they don't belong in the insect classification, but instead with the 'arachnids'. Our Year 2 and 3 students have become experts at classifying animals using a branching key as part of their 'Feathers, Fur or Leaves' unit.



Year 4 and 5

Several weeks ago, our Year 4 and 5 students set up seed nurseries, which involved attempting to grow a broad bean plant in a plastic cup. It is safe to say that while there were differing levels of success, we all enjoyed the process. The focus of the unit now moves from plant reproduction to photosynthesis (the process by which plants create energy).



Year 6

Year 6 continue to study their 'Marvellous Micro-Organisms' unit. The Year 6 Bakery was open for business, as students made a range of loaves of bread, observing the difference made by adding yeast. Students also studied some impressive bags of mould, expertly grown by Mr. Wilkie. We have realised that moulds and other micro-organisms play a critical role as decomposers in our ecosystem.

