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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you ever so much for contributing towards the cost of the chicks. The children absolutely loved the experience and were desperate to keep them! It was an amazing experience to watch the chicks hatch and then look after them. The children enjoyed holding them and watching them change as they grew. We were all very sad to see them go.



The children were so absorbed in this experience, that we decided to postpone the caterpillars until after half term so that we can be fully involved in their development from caterpillar to butterfly.

We have enjoyed reading 'War Horse' and the children have written some incredible stories, letters and information texts using the book as their inspiration.

The children have worked hard in maths and many have made superb progress in their understanding of written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our learning with fractions has improved, but we will keep referring back to this concept throughout next term to maintain and develop this understanding further.

Most children know multiplication facts for each number up to 12 x 12 or have strategies to find the answer. This will continue to be a focus of mental maths learning as this knowledge impacts on so much mathematical understanding. If your child knows their multiplication facts, please help them to recall division facts just as quickly.

Our Science topic for the coming term is *Animals, including Humans*. Through this topic the National Curriculum expectation is to cover the changes that a human goes through from birth to old age. This will involve puberty, and discussing the children's worries about changes to their bodies. This will be managed sensitively, and both the girls and boys will have opportunities to share their questions and queries anonymously and to their chosen member of staff, if required.

This topic will continue through PSHE learning in which the children will learn about managing stressful changes such as transition to the next year group and looking ahead to secondary school, as well as changes to their bodies. Our French vocabulary will focus on naming parts of the face and body.

We are very excited that Year 5 have been invited to Ken Stimpson and The Voyager to experience a morning at secondary school. Additional letters will be sent out to parents with more information about these experiences.

The theme '*Britain at Play*' will run alongside this learning. The children will learn about leisure and entertainment in the 20th Century. Through this theme, we will make links to Euro 2016 and the Olympics in Rio through our writing, maths and PE sessions. The children will also design and make a moving toy with cams.

To support this experience, we are planning a stadium tour of the Peterborough United football ground at the end of June. Dates are yet to be finalised but an approximate cost will be £10.

Linking to our *Britain at Play* theme, we would like to invite parents/carers to join us for a game of rounders on **Thursday 14th July** from **2:15pm**. *As this will be an outdoor activity, we will reserve Monday 18th July at 2:15pm, in case of bad weather.* We would love parents/carers to join their child to play the game but spectators are also very welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there!