

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a lovely week in school, and the children have worked brilliantly. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. As we look ahead to next week, we would like to remind families who will be celebrating Eid that you must inform the school in advance if your child will be absent. This helps us keep our attendance records accurate and ensures we can plan appropriately. For those observing Eid, we wish you a joyful celebration.

Attendance

Please see below the class-by-class attendance break down for the week 02.03.26 to 06.03.26 (last week). Highlighted are all of the classes that have achieved 95% or more during that week. Well done 4-Lewis for the highest attendance of the week!

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)
1 Grey	93.3%
1 Murphy	95.0%
2 Blake	96.0%
2 Rosen	91.4%
3 Cowell	96.5%
3 Rowling	90.3%
4 Lewis	98.7%
4 Morpurgo	94.1%
5 Dahl	93.0%
5 Strong	96.5%
5 Walliams	92.9%
6 Blackman	94.7%
6 Ibbotson	97.3%
Nursery	82.8%
R Carle	91.2%
R Donaldson	95.4%

Hockey Fixture

Last Monday (2nd March) Abdullah, Michal, Aariz, Husna, Ariana and Tiana practiced their hockey skills and played in hockey fixtures against Ravensthorpe and Nova here at Thorpe. They learnt how to pass and receive the ball as well as dribbling skills.



Parent Conferences Coming Up

These will take place on **Tuesday 24th** and **Wednesday 25th March** between **3.40pm and 6.30pm**. You should have received comms from our office team about our new sign-up process. Bookings are now live via the Parent Portal / App and the office team are happy to support anyone who is not able to get on.

Easter Raffle

Due to the success of last years Easter raffle, the PTA have decide to host it again this year. The raffle will be raising money for the PTA fund. For children to be in with a chance of winning an egg all you need to do is look out for the PTA Egg £1 draw on Parent Pay. Winners will be announced and eggs given out on Thursday 26th March. Good Luck!






Learning Spotlight

In Year 1, children have been learning about Mechanisms in their DT topic. They made sliders and levers as part of moving pictures. In writing, they have been learning about a famous person called Bessie Coleman. She was the first black female pilot. The children have 'hot seated' Bessie and asked her lots of questions, noting down her answers in preparation for creating a fact file all about Bessie Coleman.



Monday 2nd March LO To write question sentences

	Questions	Facts
Childhood 	when were you born?	Bessie Coleman
	where were you born?	Was born in America.
	what is your name?	
Life 	what was your training?	Bessie Coleman
	when did you become a pilot?	Wanted to be a pilot.
Famous 	how did you get famous?	Bessie Coleman
	when did you become a pilot?	was the first black female pilot.

Year 5 have been learning all about life cycles in science. They explored how different animals grow and change throughout their lives and used their knowledge to create an engaging double-page spread showing the stages of a life cycle. To deepen their understanding, the children also researched an animal of their choice and wrote an information report explaining the animal's key features and its life cycle. The class showed great curiosity and produced some fantastic work.

LIFE

Word Bank - A

Reproduce - When a life begins again.

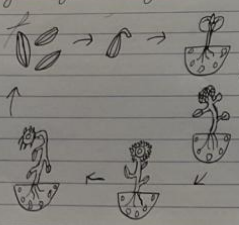
Life cycles - the different stages of life.

Oviparous - This means that babies grow and develop inside the body.

Viviparous - This is when a female lays eggs and the male fertilises the eggs later on.


Hatchling - When a baby had just hatched from an egg.

Life cycle of a sunflower



CYCLES

Life cycle of a frog



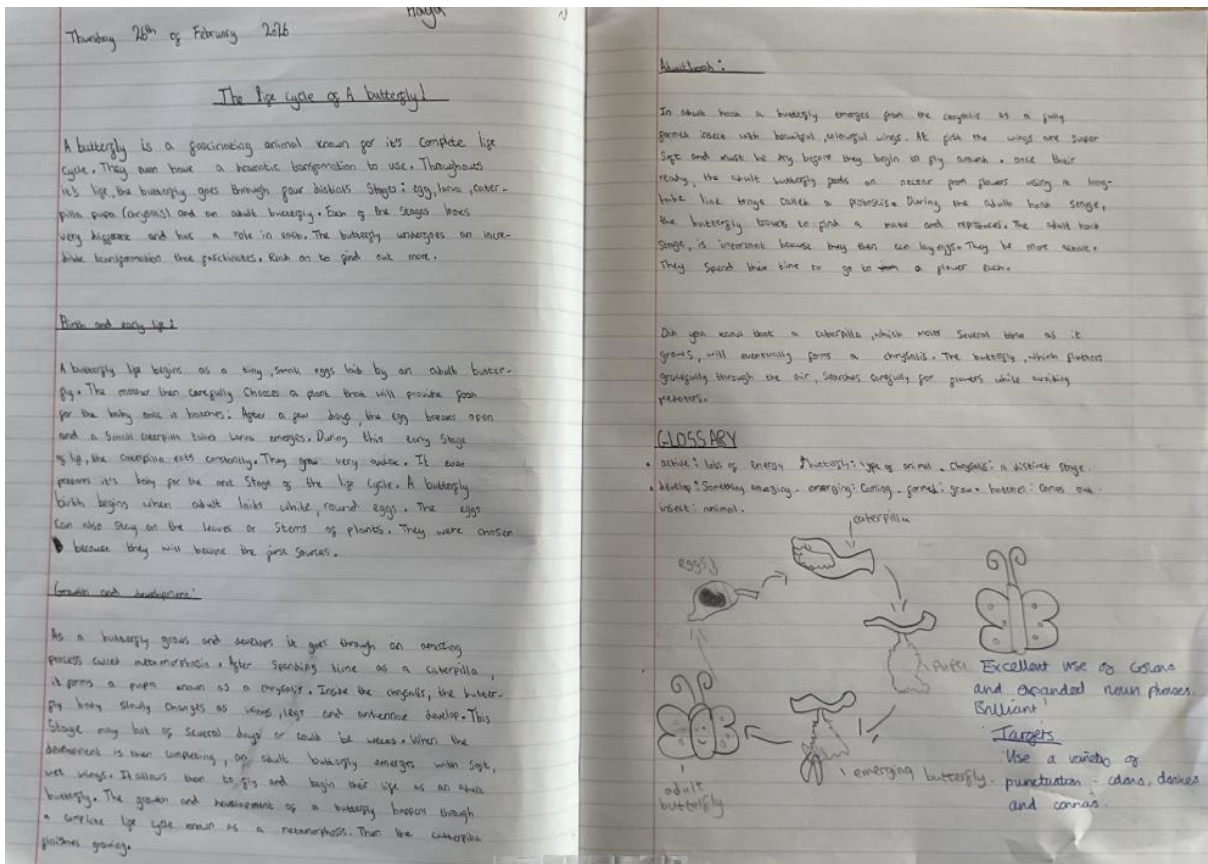
The Sexual reproduction

Sexual reproduction needs two parents (male and female) to provide eggs or to give birth to a life.

Some animals are oviparous, which means that the babies grow and develop inside the body.

Some animals are viviparous, that means that the female lays eggs somewhere safe and then the male comes over and fertilises the eggs. The female grows up and reproduces more eggs.

Every life cycle includes birth, childhood, adulthood, reproduction and finally death.



This week children in Year 6 took part in a workshop that investigated the dangers of smoking and vaping. They learnt about what chemicals are used, the effects on our body and how addictive nicotine can be. They ended the session looking at advice. Including how to say no with confidence and avoiding peer pressure. Thank you to Louie from Everyone Health for a wonderful experience.



Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Monday 16 th March	Year 5 trip to Ferry Meadows
Friday 20 th March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Reception visit to St Andrew’s Church
Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th March	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 24 th March	Eid Lunch
Wednesday 25 th March	Easter Lunch
Thursday 26 th March	14.50: Year 3 class assembly
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term – school closes at 1pm

Reminders:

Spring Term Class Assemblies

Please see the timetable below for the Spring Term. They start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.15pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along.

Thursday 26th March	Year 3 (both classes)
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Red Nose Day



Parent Shout Outs

If your child’s teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F>

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr J Parkhouse
Headteacher