



Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have been a short half term, but it was certainly jam-packed: from hatching chicks to fencing and archery. It has been lovely to be able to welcome parents into school too: parents' evenings, Welcome Wednesday, Maths Workshops and Science Week. We would like to thank you for playing such an active role in the school—we really do appreciate it. Huge thanks also go to Mrs McGuire and Miss Greveson for organising the maths and science events. Next term, we will be inviting you in again to discuss the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum.

Have a wonderful Easter—let's hope we get some sunshine!

Mrs Thornhill and Mrs Whitby



### ATTENDANCE

From September 2023

Explorers	~	89.82%
Adventurers	~	92.45%
Pioneers	~	91.78%
<b>Total Attendance: 91.81%</b>		

**Attendance target is 96%.**

### Key Dates

Monday 15th April	Back to School
Thursday 18th April	Road Safety Sessions
Thursday 25th April	Rev. Aaron Assembly
Friday 26th April	Tough Rower Challenge (Amber Valley Sports Partnership)
Wednesday 1st May	Visit to Sheffield
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 10th May	Relationship and Sex Education Parent Consultation
Tuesday 14th May	Governors Meeting
Wednesday 15th May	Welcome Wednesday for Pioneer parents
Thursday 23rd May	Break Up
Friday 24th May	INSET Day

### World Book Day



Thank you for the fabulous World Book Day costumes and competition entries—you all looked amazing! For more photos click

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## Science week

The children enjoyed taking part in the theme of 'time' for British Science Week. We celebrated science, technology, engineering and maths!



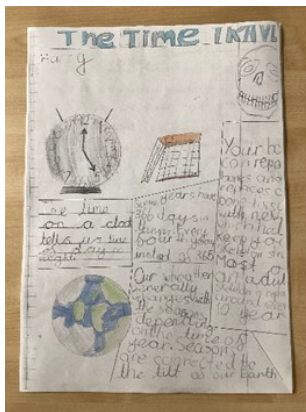
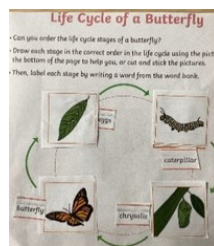
### Time is key

We looked at how plants and animals have changed over a long period of time.



## Life cycles

The children enjoyed learning all about how organisms grow and die during their time on the planet.



## Scientific innovations

This is also intertwined with time. The passing of time prompted the invention of ways to mark it, from the sundial, water clocks, to the pendulum clock and to digital clocks – where would we be without them?



## Enterprise Day

Year 2 pupils represented the school at David Nieper Academy for Enterprise Day.



## Explorers

In Explorers we have had lots of fun learning about planting and growing. We have planted cress, sunflower and runner bean seeds and have been watching these grow and noticing the changes taking place. We have planted bulbs outside and have enjoyed watching the daffodils bloom. We have learnt how to take care of plants and that they need soil, water and sunlight to grow.

Our favourite activity from this half term has definitely been the 'Living Eggs' hatching programme that was delivered to school!

We watched and waited for signs of 'pipping' and were very excited when the eggs began to hatch into chicks. We then carefully moved the chicks into their brooder box and helped to care for them and enjoyed handling them very gently!

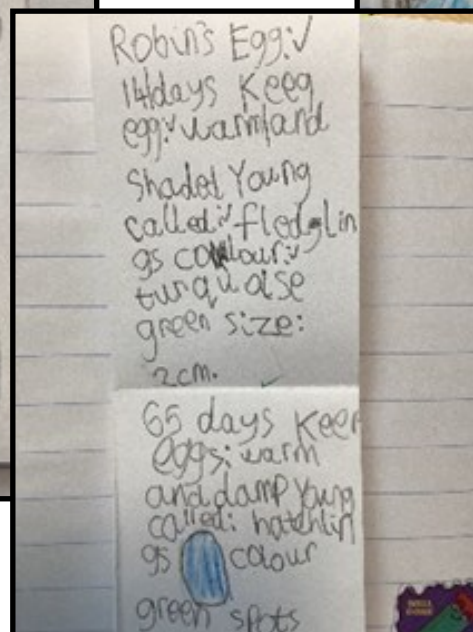
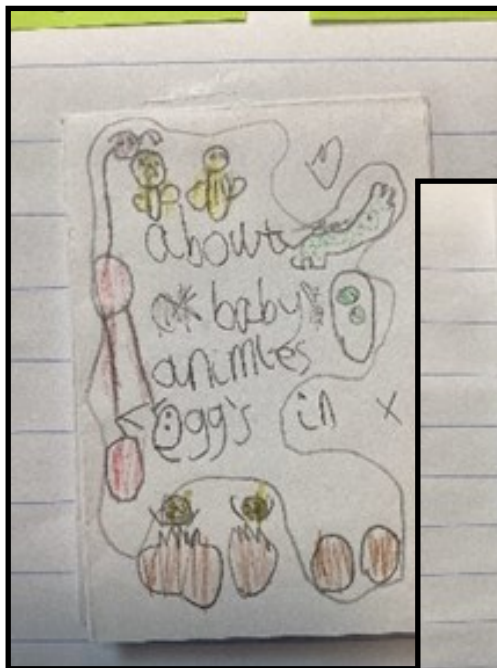


We also had a brilliant day with Dan and Robin Hood adventures. We loved our Archery and fencing taster session!



## Adventurers

We have been very busy in Adventurers over the last few weeks. The children have particularly enjoyed their learning in English. We shared the story of 'The Odd Egg' by Emily Gravett. The children then created their very own fact book about eggs!



## Pioneers

In History the Pioneers have been considering, Who are the Egyptians and where did they live? With a red, juicy tomato, lots of bandages and lots of salt and Bicarbonate of Soda we recreated and explored the process of Mummification! Mummification is so 'yucky and gooey' but lots of fun! We unwrapped and looked at our tomatoes every week, so that we could record how the mummified tomatoes had changed over time, we were surprised to find that the tomatoes became firm, wrinkly and all dried up! Every week, just like the Egyptians, we needed to change the salt and soda mixture, this was to make sure the inside of the Pharaohs body dried out. We made Pyramids, talked about the canopic jars, wrote our name in hieroglyphics and explored the different pharaohs and what they brought to Egypt.



## Every School Day Counts

There is clear evidence to show that days off school impact on your child's attainment and progress.

365 days in each year	175 non school days a year <span style="font-size: 2em;">→</span>				To spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments		
	190 school days in each year	12 days ab- sence					
		178 days of education	19 days ab- sence				
			171 days of education	29 days ab- sence Half term missed			
		161 days of education		38 days ab- sence			
152 days of education			85%	80%			
	100% to 95% <b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success.	94% <b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success	90% <b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Not fair on your child Possible legal action				