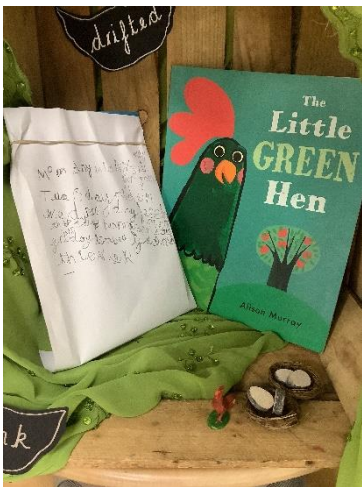


Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents,

### Circle of Life

Our new starting point and theme for learning for the Summer 1 term is 'The Circle of Life'. On Monday, we read 'The Little Green Hen' by Alison Murray. The children discussed plant and animal life cycles and then we went on a sensory walk in our outdoor area to discover the signs of spring and growth. The children encountered blossom on the trees, herbs such as rosemary, chives and mint as well as lavender. Throughout the week, we have created mud flower seed balls and planted grass seed caterpillars. The children have enjoyed creating animal life cycle diagrams and exploring our new areas of provision and resources including the role-play potting shed and mud kitchen. On Wednesday, the children had a special delivery of 'live Caterpillars'. We have been learning about the caterpillar life cycle and observing them. We discussed how to look after the caterpillars and rules for the classroom. The children wrote down the rules so we wouldn't forget. 'Don't shake the tub, use a magnifying glass, don't tap the lid, please don't eat me!' We can't wait until they form their chrysalis and emerge into beautiful butterflies. The children are ticking off the days and keeping track of how long it takes. What fabulous inquiry skills. To end our wonderful week, the children learnt to sing a song about a caterpillar and re enacted the stages of the life cycle using their bodies. We will perform both of these next week at Friday Library!



### Maths

In Maths, we are learning to record how many so that The Little Green Hen knows who has helped her tend the Orchard. The children have used pictures, numerals and tally charts to record information about watering the plants in our classroom. We have also started to look at even and odd numbers and counting taking turns with our talking partner. Ask your child at home!

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## Literacy

In Literacy, we have concentrated on re telling The Little Green Hen Story using the language and key phrases in the text. The children are striving to use this vocabulary in their own play too. Next week, we will be writing seed diaries and sentences about the circle of life.

## Key Dates:

**Friday Library – 3pm 29<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Trip to St Annes Church – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May (TBC)**

**Trip to Cannon Hall Farm – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May (TBC)**



## Twitter

Please follow us on Twitter @JCAWakefield. We regularly update our twitter feed with photos of children throughout the week.

Yours sincerely,

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