



Year 6 Eagles

It's hard to believe that we are now over halfway through the year! 2020 has already been very exciting for the children in Year 6. We have hatched chicks, grown mould, created our own animals using plasticine and have prepared river-themed poetry and art. Furthermore, events such as our STEM Enrichment Day, World Book Day, Science Week and Sports Relief have provided many varied experiences to further enrich the Year 6 curriculum.

Our most recent theme was 'Life' and it was clear that hatching eggs would be an inspiring way to hook the children. Having watched the chicks hatch from their eggs, make their first peeps and then take their first steps, the children were excited to learn more about how they grow both inside the egg and from chick to adult. They conducted their own research and created some outstanding two-page spread fact files. Many then linked this to our English and decided to write an explanation text on how chicks develop.

When learning about explanation writing, the Eagles thought carefully about the differences between this and instructions, becoming Agents of Understanding to avoid falling into the many traps that the genre has. They also showed great determination by being more selective in their choice of vocabulary, as well as using a range of more complex punctuation such as semi-colons and parenthesis with brackets, commas and dashes.

Across our three groups in Maths, the children have been learning about fractions, percentages and decimals. They then thought about the similarities between the three and are applying them to a variety of problems across the Maths curriculum. We have also explored algebraic problems, coordinates across the four quadrants, time and we are now learning about area, perimeter and volume. Additionally, our daily arithmetic sessions have continued to develop the children's mastery of the four operations by increasing both speed and accuracy.

