



Friday 18th March 2022

With the school bathed in glorious sunshine, it's been a fabulous end to the week! With mad hair everywhere today, it has highlighted, once again, just how supportive our community is! Thank you for your generosity and support for the Sennen Lifeboat Station roof fund. The children have learnt that coming together and giving what you can to those in need is an invaluable quality and one that is currently being reflected across the world.

In relation to, 'coming together', we, as a school, have had a challenging last few weeks and are very much looking forward to returning to 'normality' on Monday with our safety measures still being followed appropriately. This however, hasn't stopped the children of St Levan producing some fantastic work and high-quality learning! The children really have "shined" this week, especially through science experiments which has provided incredible opportunities for predictions, in-depth group discussions and interesting evaluations.

Our second face-to-face school governor's meeting is scheduled on Tuesday afternoon. During the meeting we will begin to look forward to organising events for the summer term. We are hoping to organise the very popular Duck Race on the last day of this term as well as many more opportunities to be enjoyed by all; a welcomed return to our enjoyable school community events calendar.

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your ongoing support!

Mr Mark Francis - Head Teacher

Attendance

Please be mindful that good attendance is vital for learning for all of our children. The national minimum expectation is set at 96%. Please help us achieve this on a daily basis and support your child's learning.

Choughs	90%
Puffins	89%
Whole school	89%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

25th March

- Songfest rehearsal

28th March - 1st April

- E-Safety week

31st March

- Songfest concert - St Johns Hall, Penzance

1st April

- Choughs Class - Blast From The Past History Workshop
- Little Levans Session, 1.30pm - 2.30pm

5th April

- Puffins Class - Blast From The Past History Workshop



Shining Stars of the Week

Nathan Puffins

For brilliant determination to complete your algebra learning. Well done!

Oscar Choughs

For admirable determination - you set yourself a goal and you have achieved it. Well done!

Head Teacher Star of the Week

Sennen - *For determination in all areas of the curriculum especially maths and swimming.*



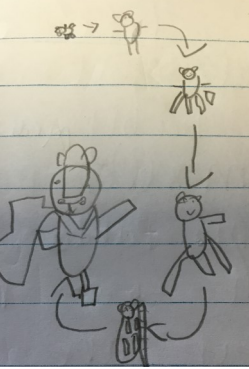
Panda Reports by Choughs

In Science, Choughs have been learning about types of animals and their life cycles. Here's what we have written about them in English:

Pandas

Habitat

Interestingly, pandas can only be found in South West China which is in Asia! Sadly, there are only a few pandas left in the world.



Life cycle

Did you know, that panda cubs are 300x smaller than their mother? Did you know how pandas' fur gets black? Well, you are in luck because I know how. It is because their fur turns black. Woo!

Diet

Pandas only eat certain types of bamboo and pandas are omnivores which means they eat meat and plants.

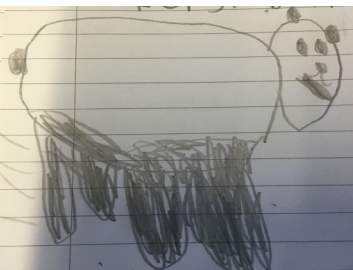
Appearance

Gradually, as baby pandas grow up, their fur turns black and white! They use their black and white fur to blend into soft snow. Wow!

Behaviour

Did you know, female pandas rub their bottoms on trees to mark their territory? Pandas also poo and wee to mark their territory.

By Beau



An extract
by Bertie

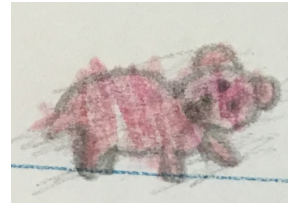
All About Pandas

Diet

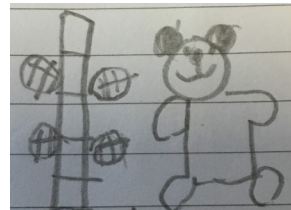
Pandas eat bamboo but meat is a panda's diet too.

Life cycle

When the panda is born, it is pink and blind.



Habitat



Pandas live in bamboo in China and they eat twenty-seven kilograms a day. China is in Asia.

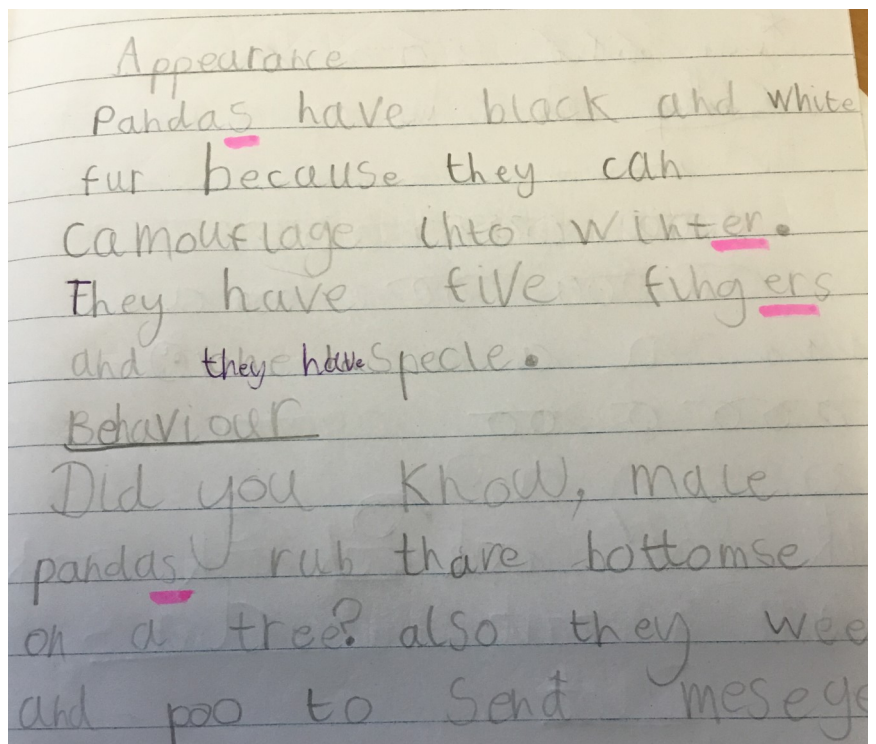
Appearance

Pandas have four paws and they are black. Panda's fur is black and white.

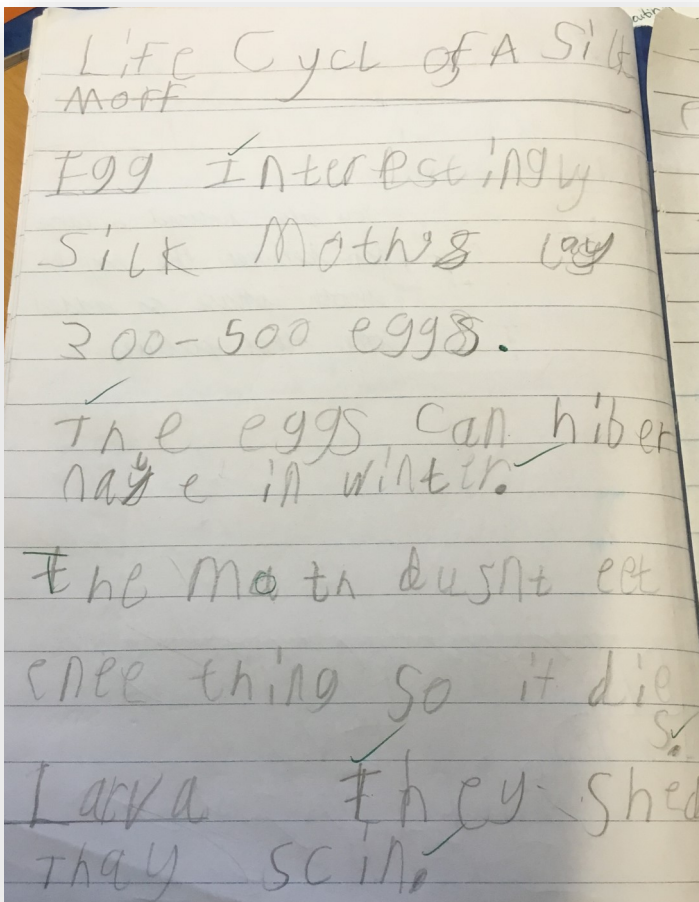
Behaviour

Pandas poo and wee to mark their territory!

By Rae

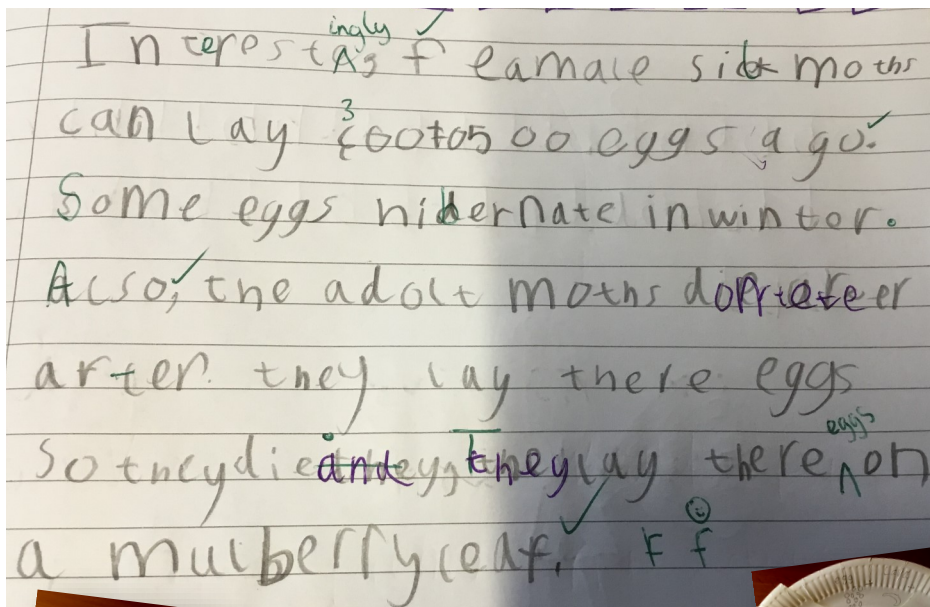


Silk Worm Life Cycles by Choughs



An extract, by James (above)

An extract by Alanya (below)



Life Cycle of a Silk Moth

Eggs

Interestingly, a silk moth will lay up to 300-500 eggs. Did you know, the eggs can hibernate through winter? The silk moth doesn't eat after she's laid her eggs. Sadly, she will die.

Larvae

Did you know, larvae can shed their skin? Larvae eat mulberry leaves for 42 days!

Pupa

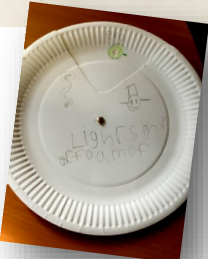
Amazingly, the larvae spin a strand of silk 1000 feet long to make their cocoon.

Adult moth

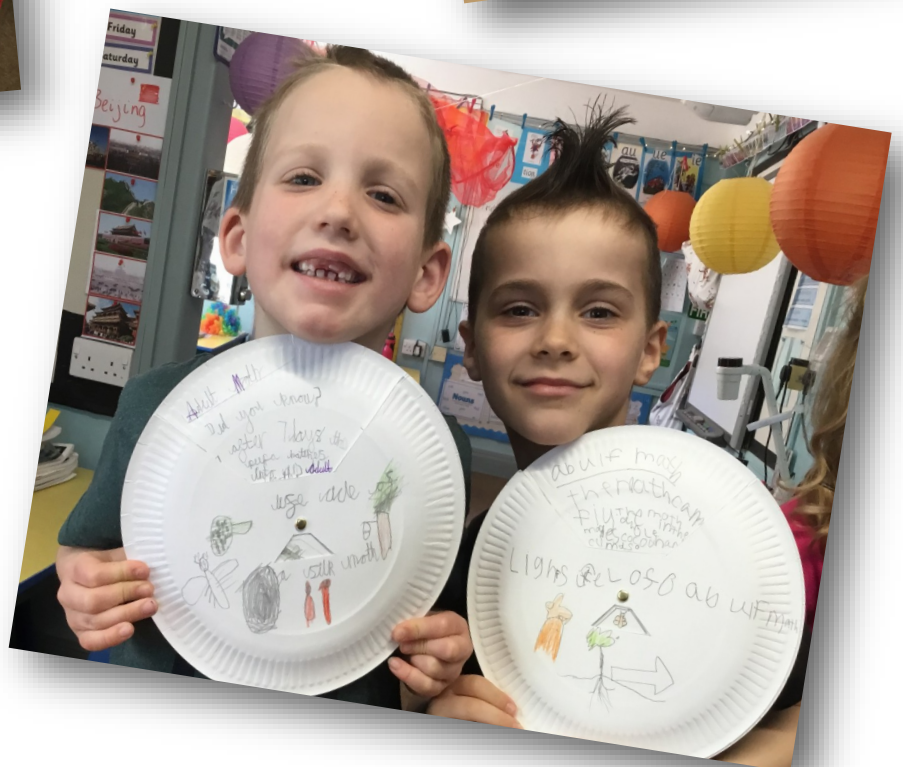
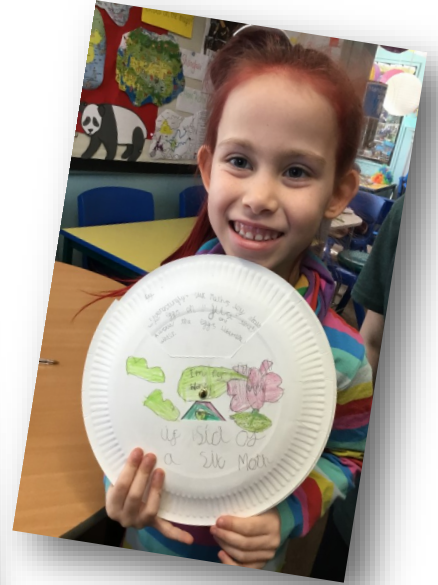
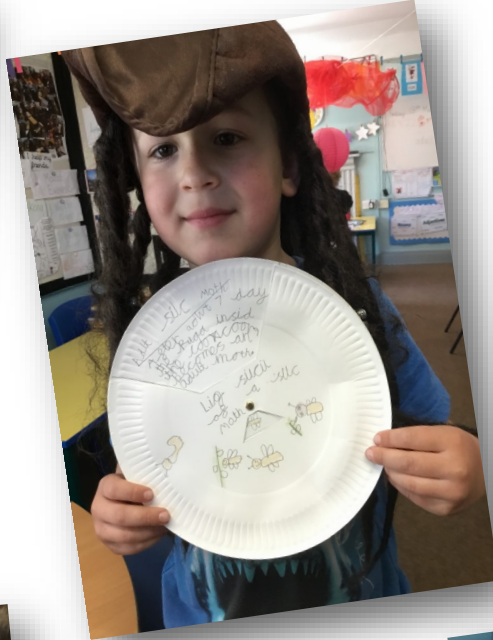
The adult moth comes out of the cocoon and the life cycle starts again.

By Oliver

We also made spinners in DT using paper plates and split pins. These showed the four stages of the life cycle in pictures.



Our finished spinners



11-20 March British Science Week 2022



We have had fun in the sun for British Science week, making predictions, carrying out investigations, recording our results and forming conclusions.

Experiment 1 involved predicting which of five biscuits would make the most suitable biscuit person to cross a river so that they didn't need to climb onto a fox and could swim instead - they didn't want to get eaten like the gingerbread man!

The biscuits we had to test were: Rich Tea, Digestive, Nice, Oat and Shortbread.

Here are some of our predictions for which will last the longest submerged in water:

- I predict the short bread will last the longest because it is thick.
- I predict the Nice will last the longest because it looks strong and sweet.
- I predict the digestive will last the longest as it looks sturdy.
- I think the rich tea will last the longest because it is designed to be dunked into tea and last for a while. Also, it is smooth and has holes which might help it float.
- I predict the oat biscuit will last longer in the water because it's harder and has more to soak up.
- I predict Rich Tea because they stay in tea, their surface feels waterproof and it doesn't feel like it crumbles in your hands.
- I predict the oat biscuit will last the longest because it's made of oats and they don't really disintegrate.

The Rich Tea was a clear winner with one biscuit refusing to break for 54 minutes!

Brilliant predictions from everyone!

Our second experiment used plastic bottles to fire a paper mouse as far as possible. We then had to use our scientific understanding to explain why we thought the winning bottles went the furthest.

- Because it had a smaller top.
- The one that won was the biggest bottle
- It had the smallest hole.
- This one won because it was bigger with more pressure, so there was a lot of air to come out.
- The bottles with the thinner exit and round body propelled the mouse the longest distance. In the bottle that had the thinner exit, the mouse went further, this is because the bottle is concentrating the air force.
- The one with the thinnest neck went further because of the force. It is also to do with the shape and the type of plastic and the size of the bottle. If it is too small, it will not work.
- The bottle with the thinner neck went further because the plastic was more firm than the bigger bottle.
- It had a thin neck so the air came out fast. It's got a lot of space to lots of air and it is a cylinder which is a good shape to squash. The plastic is hard and doesn't bounce back. Also, the stronger the person, the more force used to compress the bottle.
- The strongest people make it go further but the size of the neck is also significant because a thinner neck creates a more controlled jet of air. You also need easy-to-squish, bounce-back plastic and a cylindrical shape.

Well done all!



The incredible Rich Tea
which lasted 54 minutes!





Lifeboats

Mad Hair Day - raising money with crazy creations!



Mad Hair Day

We made our hair as crazy as possible to raise money for Comic Relief and the Sennen Lifeboat Station roof, which was damaged during the recent storms.





Well done everyone for your fabulous hair dos and fantastic fundraising!