# THE VICKIMS

# Pre-Prep News - Friday 28 May

# Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about Motte and Bailey castles through the medium of sculpture! The boys have undertaken an amazing construction project and have created their own Motte and Bailey 3D castles. To achieve this, they have had to learn about the history of castles and how castles changed over time. They have also learnt about the different parts of a castle, including the buildings in the Bailey. The boys have had wonderful time being messy and creative!

#### Mrs James















### **EYFS News**

What a wonderful week it has been, welcoming new life in the form of chicks and butterflies! The boys in Reception have taken their job of 'Mother Hen' very seriously, I have never had such an enthusiastic bunch of boys willing to clean out the cage. The chicks are now safely settled into their new homes with Mrs Walker, and the Burnand family. We look forward to hearing on their progress in the coming weeks.

On Monday morning, the boys were greeted by three butterflies, having emerged from their cocoon over the weekend, with the final one being released on Thursday in the glorious sunshine, after a morning at Forest School embracing butterflies.

There has been so much learning in the form of sharing, turn taking, caring for others to name a few. Truly some 'WOW' moments to treasure; a memory of Reception that I hope the boys will take with them, in years to come recalling: 'Do you remember when the chicks hatched?' The boys have been amazed by just how quickly the chicks have grown with visible wing and tail feathers.

It has been lovely to welcome visiting classes to share this experience and *Thank you* to Sophia and Bertie Leslie who ably took charge over the weekend.

Boys, I am so proud of you all, and I am awarding a special Pilgrims Chick Award to each boy in Reception, well done, and thank you!

#### Mrs Kent











## **Forest School**

Inspired by the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' we chatted about the sort of things a caterpillar would normally eat. The boys were given the task of creating a more suitable menu for our hungry caterpillar and a lovely selection of tasty leaves and flowers were chosen.

Year 1 carried out a 'daisy count' in the Arboretum. The boys worked in pairs and carefully threw their sorting hoop over a group of daisies. Their first challenge was to try and estimate the number of daisies and then carry out a more accurate count of the flower. The boys repeated the activity several times and compared results with each other. We counted rather a lot of daisies!

In Year 2's lesson we chatted about spiders and shared some interesting facts about them, as well as how they create and use their beautiful web. Again, applying their previously learned knot skills, the boys worked in pairs to create their own colourful spider's web. The boys were very proud of their results.

Mrs Walker











