

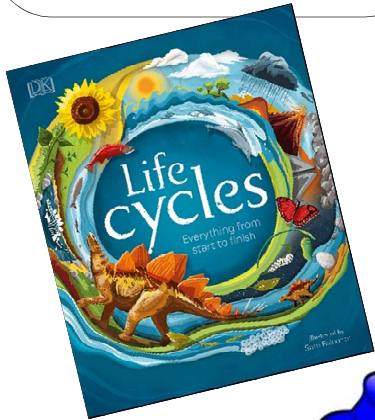
Dear Parents,

This half term our topic is about the world around us. In geography we are looking at compasses and maps, leading us to planning a hiking route using maps and compasses. In Science we will be building on our work on classification of living things, by looking at their life cycles. Alongside this we will be looking at how to enter data into spreadsheets to then present it during computing and speaking about the weather in French.

Mrs Timmins and Miss Davies

Our recommended read:

This half term 'Life Cycles' will be available at the library or in school for you to borrow and share at home.



What stages are included a **life cycle**?

What is the difference between growth and **metamorphosis**?



How does **pollination** help plants reproduce?

How can we use a **compass**?

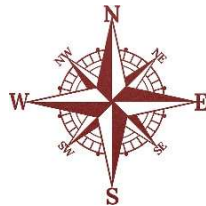
How do we read a **grid reference** on a map?

God's Green Earth

Spring 2

Things to remember:

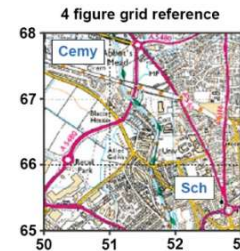
- Tuesday** - PE day and forest school (Y5)
- Thursday** - Reading books changed and PE day (Y5)
- Friday** - Spelling test and library day. PE day (Y6)



Compass rose
A diagram showing directions (North, East, South and West) on a map.



Ordnance Survey (OS)
The national mapping agency of Great Britain.



Grid Reference
A set of numbers used to find an exact location within a square.

Useful words

Fertilisation – when a male and female cells join to start a new life.

Germination – When a seed begins to grow

Larva – An early stage in some animals (like caterpillars).

Life cycle – The stages a living thing goes through during its life.

Metamorphosis – A big change in a body shape during a life cycle.

Offspring – A baby plant or animal.

Pollination - Moving pollen from one flower to another.

Reproduction – Making new living things.

Seed dispersal – How seeds spread away from the parent plant.

Survival – Staying alive and growing successfully.