Report on the Windmills Junior School Partridge project.

The funding we received from you paid for four partridge hatching kits, one for each year group of 3 classes. The kits were ordered from Incredible Eggs, and arrived towards the end of June. They consisted of eggs, incubators, food and cages for the hatched chicks together with a range of teaching resources to support the curriculum. There was great excitement in school whilst waiting for the eggs to hatch. This started to happen after a few days and chicks began to appear.



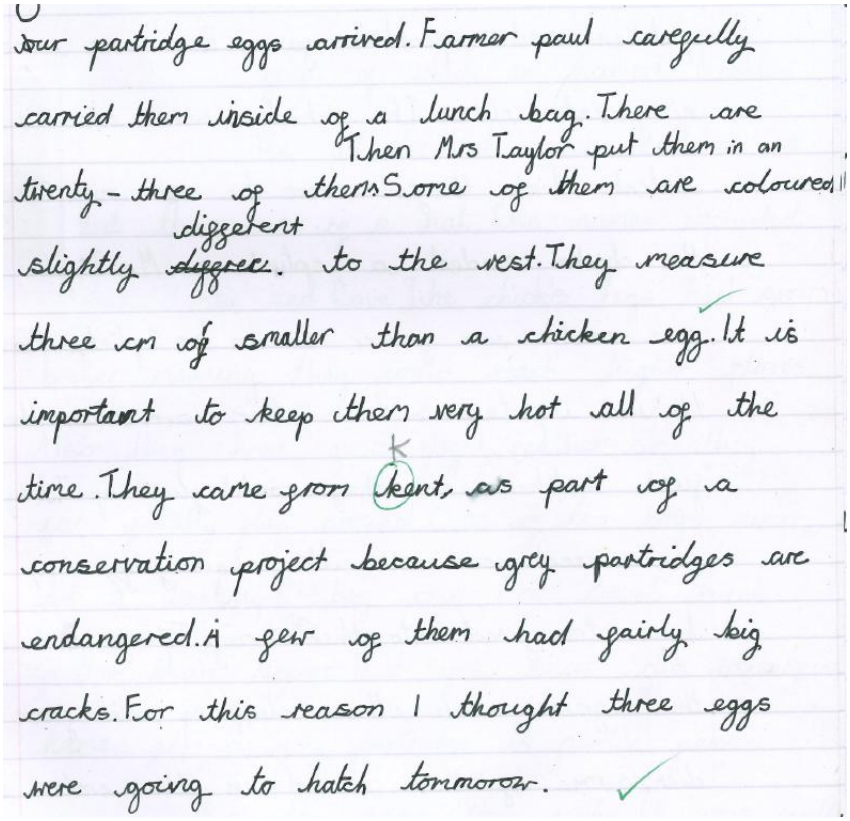


The children learnt about the importance of keeping the eggs warm and caring for the chicks when they hatched, ensuring that they had enough food and water. Teachers took the eggs and chicks home with them each night to ensure there was around the clock care.



During the week of the project children learnt about partridge habitats, nutrition, how environmental change is affecting them, food chains, life cycles and wildlife conservation. They also kept diaries for each day. This was a cross curricular project encompassing science, maths, English. art and design. The partridges were given names and, at the end of the week, when they were due to return, goodbye cards were made.

A school assembly was held where children read out the work they had completed during their partridge week, below is part of the diary of one of our year 3 pupils.



Our partridge eggs arrived. Farmer paul carefully carried them inside of a lunch bag. There are twenty-three of them. Then Mrs Taylor put them in an incubator. Some of them are coloured slightly ~~different~~ different. to the rest. They measure three cm of smaller than a chicken egg. It is important to keep them very hot all of the time. They came from Kent, as part of a conservation project because grey partridges are endangered. A few of them had fairly big cracks. For this reason I thought three eggs were going to hatch tommoroz.

DAY 2-5



Over the next few days chicks started urging there way out of there eggs. There that hatched out of twenty-three were eighteen chicks in total. Sadly two didn't make it. The chilks were ginger with white patches and speckled faces. Everyone came running into class. The chicks were also tiny. I didn't think they'd ~~were~~ be so mini. One of the chicks needed a splint so Mrs Taylor put one on. It was forever known as Splinty McGinty. It was important to leave them warm when they'd just hatched so they could glugg up. They will also need food once they have glugged up and been transfered into their cage. They peck at their grains while others slurp up water from a dish. Some of them stand in the water bowl. If there male there often darker than the females. Guess what, we got to hold them.

The children had a fantastic week and learnt so much from this experience. The partridges are now in the care of Incredible Eggs and will be released into the wild once they are old enough, the whole school is looking forward to seeing the video of the release. We are proud to have contributed to this conservation project, and thank you so much for providing the funding to allow this.