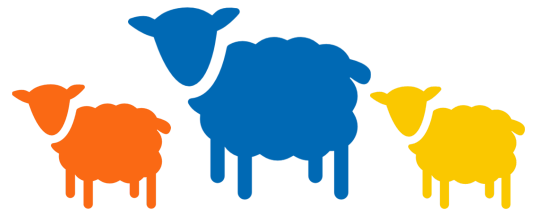




The Ark Federation



'EWE'SLETTER

Easter visitors on the farm

This year we were thrilled to see the return of our annual lambing event on the Ark Farm. Each year we loan a ewe and her lamb for a week from a local farmer. Our new visitors set up home on the farm and all of the classes are encouraged to complete a piece of linked work - it could be science, art, english - anything as long as it is related to the sheep!

This year we were pleased to welcome classes from Moorlands to the farm - we look forward to lots more visits in the near future.

Below is a selection of the work completed from this event.

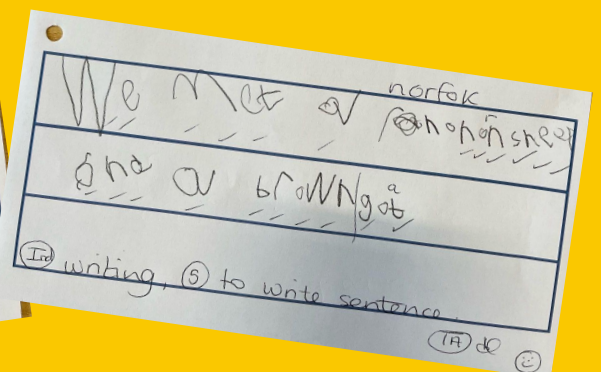
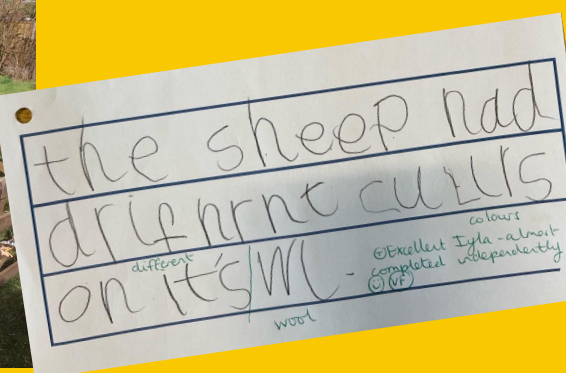
PETERHOUSE - Butterfly and Dragonfly Class

The children from Butterfly and Dragonfly class read the story 'Where is the green sheep?' and then created their own colourful sheep using a variety of materials.



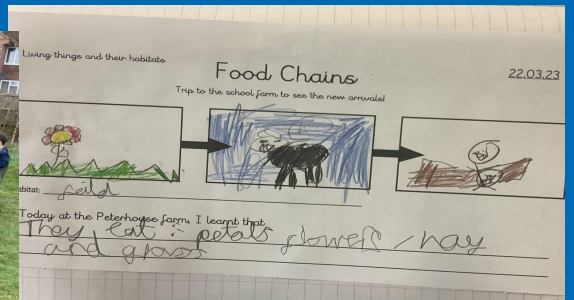
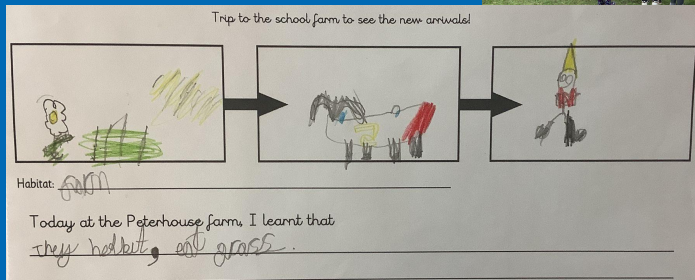
MOORLANDS - Robins Class

The children in Robin class worked very hard to create some writing all about sheep, using the facts that they had learned from their visit.



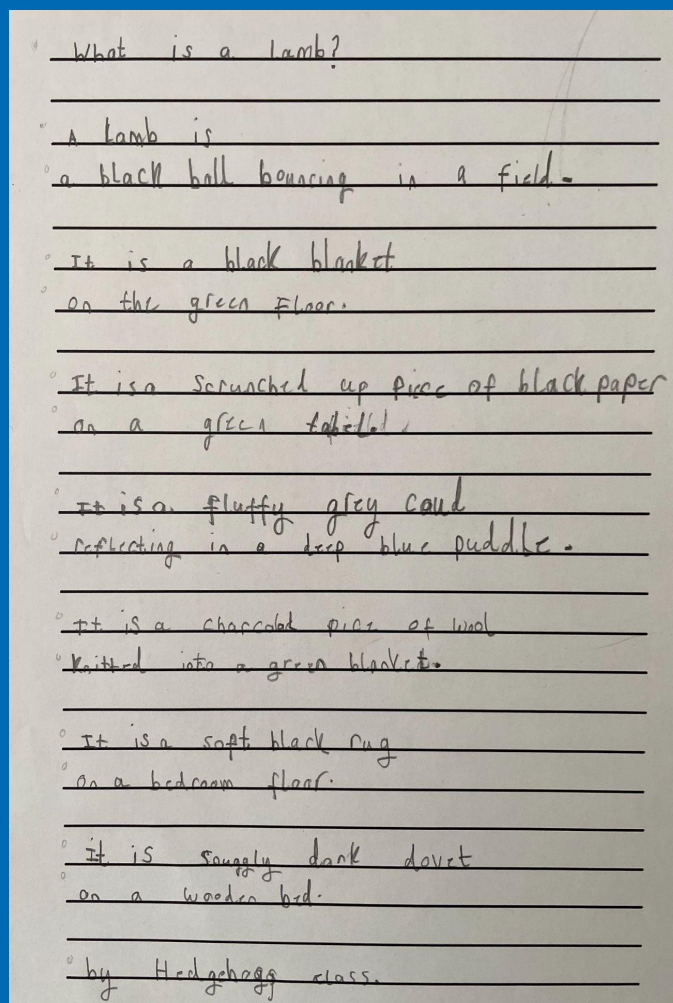
PETERHOUSE - Caterpillar and Bumblebee Class

The children in Year 2 used this opportunity to develop their science topic of animals and habitats. They had lots of great questions which helped them to create food chains back in class.



MOORLANDS - Hedgehogs class

The children in Year 1 and 2 worked together to write a class poem based on all their new knowledge about ewes and lambs.



PETERHOUSE - Blackbirds and Nightingales class

The Year 6 children linked the sheep visit to their current science topic of living things and their habitats, focusing on microorganisms and diseases.

Flystrike

Symptoms

- Is eating less
- Is Smelly
- Is stamping its feet
- Has maggots on its fleece
- Is trying to scratch its back

Treatment

- Take the sheep away from the rest of the flock
- Remove and kill the maggots
- Shave the area
- Apply a chemical "insecticide" to kill the eggs

Footrot

Symptoms

- Is limping on one of its back legs
- Is Smelly

Treatments

- Take the sheep away from the rest of the flock - It is very contagious!
- Trim the infected hoof
- Soak the foot in an antibacterial wa
- Think about Vaccinating

Anthrax

Symptoms

- Is eating less
- Is making a lot of noise and starts at me
- Is coughing
- Has swollen neck
- Has diarrhoea with blood in it

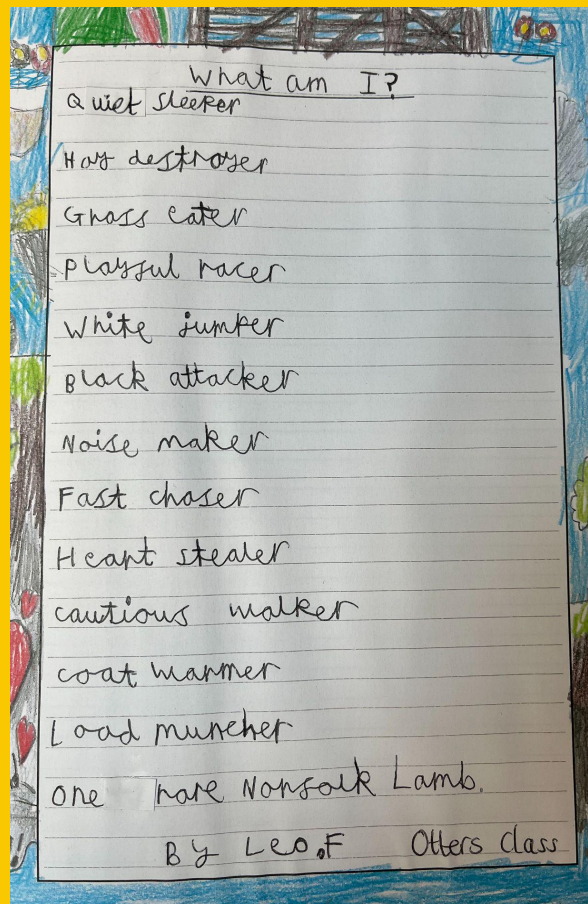
PETERHOUSE - Seal and Dolphin Class

Year 3 children used their farm visit to produce some wonderful observational drawings and then used their new knowledge to produce fact files.



MOORLANDS - Foxes, Otters and Badgers class

Year 3 and 4 used their sheep visit to inspire their poetry writing. They learned about kennings and then wrote their own versions.



MOORLANDS - Squirrels class

The children in Year 1 and 2 used the answers to their well thought out questions to create instruction texts on how to look after a sheep.

