## Oak Tree Federation Nature Detectives.

Good Morning Everyone,
It nice to have a bit of sunshine again, although I have seen some lovely rainbows this week. Here are 2 great photos from Mrs Candogan which show the weather we have had in different ways.


The answers to lasts weeks questions.
The snake like creatures are Slowworms, which is a bit of a funny name as the are quite quick and are in fact a legless lizard. Slowworms can grow up to 50 cms long and give birth to live young. They are a protected species in the UK.

The caterpillar was a very trick one. As I'm sure some of you discovered there are lots of green caterpillars. I think this one is a Cabbage Moth caterpillar, but if anyone thinks it's another type please let me know.

The cryptic quiz answer was Hazel tree. We can eat the nuts from the Hazel tree and Dormice like to live in the branches of Hazel tree. They provide shelter and food.
Did you know? The Romans considered Dormice a delicacy and ate them.
Dormice are small but have a great sounding species name, have a go at saying this:
Muscardinus avellanarius.

It's not the Romans fault, but Dormice are now an endangered species in the UK.

Here are 2 photos from my garden can you tell what they are?


Here are 2 clues.
A knight may use one and the other may keep the paws of a red mammal warm?????
Here's a photo from Seth. What is it?


## Cryptic Quiz

I am grey.
I bully my smaller red cousin.
I'm not from this country. I was brought here by the Romans because they liked to eat me! (The Romans ate lots of strange things!)
I twitch my bushy tail when I'm scared.
Please email me at:
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For more nature things to do, have a look at Sussex Wildlife Trust.
Visit. sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk and sign up for their 30 Days Wild. It's free.

I found these 2 lazy creatures in my kitchen!!!!


Have a great week.
Take care
Mr Sidebottom

