

# RECEPTION



7th February 2025

## Literacy

Our Literacy this week has been centred around the chicks. The children have been writing simple sentences to describe the chicks. They have also labelled the chicks to help people to learn which colour the boys are and which colour the girls are. We have been using the poster that was provided by 'Living Eggs' to retrieve information and help us to write facts about the chicks.

## Understanding the World (The Natural World)

The children have absolutely loved having the chicks in school. They have been able to witness the life cycle of a hen first hand and observe how the chicks have changed and grown. The children have developed responsibility and have learnt how to take care of chicks. They now know what chicks need to help them to grow. They were really sad to see the chicks go.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development (My Happy Mind)

This week, the children have been learning about gratitude for themselves. They talked about their strengths and shared gratitude for their own positive attributes.

## Physical Development

In PE this week, the children have been developing the skill of an underarm throw. The children warmed up by playing the bean game then developed an underarm throw by playing Hoop Throw.

## Maths

In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of the composition of 10. They have looked at animations to tell a story about 10. The children were encouraged to use part-part whole diagrams to show number bonds to 10. We also looked at a ten bead bar and created a number sentence using the coloured beads to generate the number sentence. E.g. 4 orange beads and 6 blue beads equals 10 beads altogether.  $4+6=10$ .

## Expressive Arts & Design

This week, the children made their own chick using paint, a fork, feathers and googly eyes. The children used the prongs of the fork to paint with, creating texture to their art work.

## Expressive Arts & Design (Being imaginative and expressive)

We have been exploring pitch and tempo through dance. The children were given a piece of material (small scarf) and were encouraged to wave the scarf high or low, depending on the pitch. They listened to different songs and moved the scarf to show the tempo of the song.

## Reminders & Notices

- Please make sure that you are watching the 'Learning to Blend' videos at home with your child. These videos will really help your child to make progress in their reading. We want to make sure that we are giving all of the children the best possible chance of achieving 'Good Levels of Development' (GLD) by the summer term and your support at home is so valuable. Reading regularly with your child will also help with this. Thank you.
- We break up from school on Friday 14th February (normal finish time) and come back to school on Monday 24th February.
- The children said goodbye to the chicks on Friday. The children will really miss having the chicks in class with us.

Thank you for your support! Mrs O'Keeffe & Miss Dutton  
Miss McGrath, Miss Glascott & Miss Ryan