

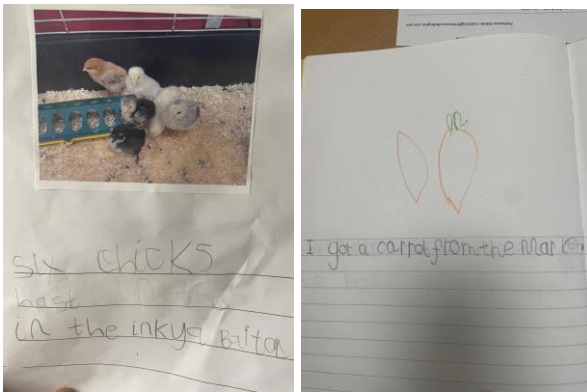
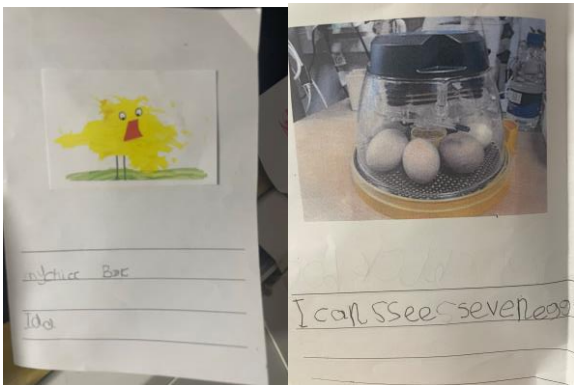
Reception

Year Group Curriculum Review

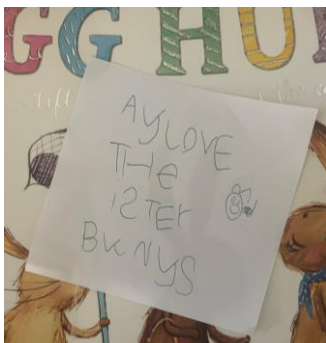
Spring 2024

Literacy:

This half term the children have been on fire with their phonics! Now the children have learnt all the phonemes for this year they have been working hard to read and write. All the children are enjoying their reading and writing superpowers!



The children have used their phonic skills to read independently and all made a Chick Diary to remind them of our exciting two weeks watching the chicks hatch.



Mathematics

The children have really embedded their maths knowledge this term, learning to investigate and explore number.

Using their subitizing skills the children have begun to look for relationships in number and are able to explain that 2 and 3 make 5 as well as 4 and 1 and 0 and 5. As the term progressed, they have used this skill to look at pairs of numbers within other numbers to 10 – some of the children are beginning to transfer



this into written sentences which is absolutely amazing.

In maths sessions this term we have worked hard with the children to be secure in their counting to 5 and understanding what makes up a number such as: 2 and 1 more makes three, 3 and two more makes 5.



Their knowledge of shape has supported them to explore 3D shape and their properties. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring what 3D shapes can roll, stack or both.

The children have also investigated what 2D shapes are made up from – understanding that a square can be made from triangles, smaller squares or rectangles.

Pattern continued to be a big part of their maths – we hope that you liked their Easter Egg pattern cards, they loved making them for you!

Topic:

Spring term is always a busy time. We have learnt about the world around us and the creative arts, the weather, friendships, different cultures, countries, music, planting and life cycles to name a few topics!



We have explored colour and colour mixing. We have used different media such as paint, chalk, felt pen and pastel and investigated how it works on different textures such as cloth, paper and card.

We have looked at junk modelling and how we can turn a simple box into a masterpiece, making pirate ships, telescopes, cats and a whole host of other designs. The class focused on how to join materials, investigating different types of cello tape, glue and other ways of linking materials together.

We have learned about Luna New Year and St David's Day. Understanding how other countries and cultures celebrate special times. We turned our role play area into a Chinese Restaurant and had the chance to try Chinese foods and tried Welsh cake and painted some beautiful daffodils, using our paint mixing skills to create the right colour yellow for our flowers. We loved coming to school in our World Book Day costumes and sharing activities with the class too!

We have focused on the change in season and ventured out on a walk to look at the signs of spring. We have learnt about new life and watched as bulbs we planted in the autumn are growing into daffodils in our garden.

However! The main event of the term has undoubtedly been our **Chicks!** What an amazing 10 days we all had watching the magic of the chicks hatching. We were all amazed at how long it took the little chicks to actually break out of their shells!

We LOVED watching them grow – it was fascinating to watch them play and interact with us, often waddling to the bars of their cage when the children talked to them. The biggest thrill was having a little hold. The children were literally spellbound as they watched them during their time with us. It was a magical experience that we all feel very lucky to have shared with the children. The chicks have now gone to Mrs Smith's allotment and we hope that in the summer term we will see the full life cycle of the chick when our little chicks lay their first eggs!

