# The Weekly Peep

**BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 26TH MARCH 2021** 

# HATCHING EGGS

#### BY MRS SYLVESTER

Dear Parents,

The most exciting news this week has certainly been the arrival of our baby chicks.

The children have been experiencing the miracle of new life with the hatching of our gorgeous baby chicks.

We have all been fascinated and excited to watch the life cycle from eggs in the incubator to the chicks birth.

The eggs started to hatch on Monday and by Wednesday we had 6 little babies. A variety of breeds have given us so much to talk about as they are all quite different in colour and size.

The children have had the chance to cuddle the chicks, learn how to care for them and complete a whole range of chick related activities in class.

### END OF TERM

Term ends for the children on Wednesday 31 March Class 6 and 7- 11:50am Class 8 and 8- 12 Noon Half Day classes finish at normal times The experience has opened up lots of opportunities for discussion, exploration and fun hands-on learning.

They are certainly growing very FAST and will be coming back to my home, next week, where Mr Sylvester and myself are looking forward to raising them and looking after them.

We will promise to send the children some photos so they can continue to understand their changes and development and follow their journey.

May I please remind parents and nannies collecting to remain socially distanced and to vacate the area once your child has been brought to you, to avoid unnecessary crowding and congestion. Please remember your face coverings.



# LIFE CYCLES AND CHICKS

#### BY MISS BELZER

Teaching children about life cycles is a perfect way to help them connect with nature. There is a magical quality to such unusual observations, such as the metamorphosis of a butterfly.

Children love to see the things they learn about in the real world. Children are naturally curious about the world around them and can be full of questions.

Exploring lifecycles enables children to learn new facts, build up their vocabulary and make explanations for themselves. This topic also teaches children the skills necessary for scientific inquiry and critical thinking.

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They will also develop science process skills. This will be achieved through inquiry-based and hands-on activities. Explaining and illustrating life cycles is an important milestone for children, helping them to better respect and care for those around them

## " It also supports them to understand everyday changes and growth."

It has been a thoroughly captivating experience to have our chicken eggs hatch and see the growth of our baby chicks throughout the week. The children have been very excited to visit the chicks daily and observe their activity. Taking care of the chicks and gently holding and stroking them has been an enchanting experience.

## CLASS 3 NEWS

#### **BY MISS DIANNE**

Class 3 were very excited to find out, on Monday, that one little yellow chick had hatched! We have been downstairs to visit the eggs every day and now have six baby chicks! Today we each had a turn at gently stroking a chick which was a wonderful experience for the children as one child commented that they had never touched a chick before. To reinforce our learning, we have been making chick related crafts inside the classroom. Soon the chicks will be going to their new home but hopefully we can still see some photos of them as they get older!

# OUR STORY THIS WEEK WAS...

#### JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

We even planted our broad bean seeds in cotton wool to see if we can grow our own beanstalk! 'Beanstalks' were also mentioned by children in the garden as they built tall towers with coloured blocks pretending that they were beanstalks reaching to the sky.



"In maths we have been counting using one - to - one correspondence "

Using a variety of resources including numbers and wooden sticks, and in phonics we have been revising our sounds so far

s, a, t, p, i, n, c, k, e, and h.

Class 3 are looking forward to more learning next week. We are going to be learning about the Hindu Holi Festival on Monday, Jewish Festival of Passover on Tuesday and then we have our Easter egg hunt on Wednesday!



Mrs Sylvester

-Thoughts

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I hope you like our format for the newsletter. My sincere thanks go to Nadia, our new Registrar, for her creativity and skill in its design.

This will be the final newsletter for the term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Please do remember to keep to the Government guidelines in regard to coronavirus and we look forward to welcoming everyone back safely next term.