



Friday 15th March 2019.

Dear Parents,

Animal Life Cycles



On Monday, we shared Rosie's Chick by Pat Hutchins alongside a non-fiction book about animal life cycles. The children discussed the life cycle of a chicken and compared it to other animal life cycles, such as penguins and reptiles.

At the end of the day, we made an impromptu decision to explore the whole School outdoor learning area and we

were delighted to find masses of frogspawn at the edge of the pond! We collected a small amount of frogspawn for our investigation area and talked about how to care for it in the classroom. The children cannot wait to observe the changes over the next few weeks. We are keeping a class diary to record our observations. We are also using magnifying glasses to talk, draw and write about our own daily observations.



During child-initiated sessions, we have built intricate farms,



traced around different farm animals and painted them. We have also spent a lot of time in the sand world to create wonderful Meerkat tunnels as well as using the mud kitchen to plant herbs and create

scrumptious dishes. On Tuesday, we baked banana loaf for a delicious afternoon snack.

Throughout the week, we have been listening to Bill Withers – It's a lovely day song and learning to keep the beat. On Wednesday, we experimented using musical instruments such as boom whackers and claves to tap out rhythms and play along with



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the music. We are also learning to sing 'the ants go marching' song.

Literacy

In Literacy, we are learning to draw and write about animal lifecycles with increasing independence and continue to focus on writing our Action Words. We are so proud of the children's perseverance with this. Please support your child to complete the two homework sheets in the blue Action word book.

Maths

In Maths, we are learning about position so that Farmer Ruth can describe where the chicks are hiding on the farm. The children have had lots of fun playing positional games with their talking partner.

Donations

Please would you kindly collect washed bottle/jar/milk tops, tin cans as well as pringle/stackers tubes (with lids) for a recycling project during our forthcoming 'Jerry Fest' week. We are hoping to create our own musical instruments such as drums and shakers and use these to perform on stage at the Jerry Fest.



Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burrows, Mrs Sellars, Mrs Ward, Mrs Smith and Mrs Rex

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