



# EYFS Newsletter



## Reception News

*"Keep smiling because optimism and friendliness will take you everywhere!"*

This week, we read the story 'The Crunching Munching Caterpillar' and talked about healthy and unhealthy foods. The children used their phonetic knowledge to write a food diary and came up with their own ideas about what a caterpillar might like to eat. In maths, we revisited doubling and practised doubling for ourselves, by putting the correct spots on ladybirds. We also took this opportunity to look at symmetry and painted our own symmetrical butterflies. We looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and explored the characteristics of butterflies, their different body parts and how they are different colours and patterns. In addition, the children drew their own minibeasts using 2create on the Ipad and labelled them.

Drawing and labelling minibeasts on the Ipads



Searching for minibeasts



Sharing a book together

Doubling spots on ladybirds



Reading facts and matching to the correct insect



Sorting healthy and unhealthy foods

### Notices and Reminders:

Please can you bring in an empty tissue box, so that we can make some "insect homes" for any critters we find in the playground and/or pond.



Many thanks

Reception Team

### Next week in Reception:

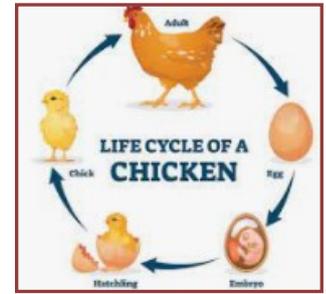
Next week, we will be looking at spiders and thinking about what scares us. We will be developing our fine motor skills by making our own spider webs. In maths, we will be reviewing halving and all the mathematical language related to it. Finally, we will be going on a nature walk with Mr Lawson around the pond.



# Nursery News

## Life cycles

This week, we have continued to learn about life cycles. We loved looking at all the beautiful baby photographs shared for homework on Tuesday, which enabled us to talk about the life cycle of a human. We have also been focussing on the life cycle of a chicken as we will be receiving some real eggs next in an incubator! It will be wonderful for the children to observe the chicks hatch in class, bringing their learning to life.



Retelling the story Chicken Licken, using props.

Making chicks on the light box and printing with potato shapes!



Learning about the life cycle of a chicken.



We have also looked at the life cycle of a frog this week. The children have really enjoyed role-playing as the Five Green and Speckled Frogs.



**Chicken food!** Making worms using pipe cleaners and sticks, and exploring different types of grains in the water tray.



### Overview of next week's learning:

**Phonics:** Jj for Jack

**Maths:** Number value, measuring length and height

**Topic:** Jack and the Beanstalk, plants, learning about and describing growth and change over time



### Notices and reminders:

Our chicken eggs from the Happy Chick Company will be arriving next week! We look forward to sharing some photos of the chicks with you as they hatch.

