



# Our Learning



## This Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

What a busy week we have had. It has been lovely to welcome our new children and to see them happily settling into the nursery routines. This week our eggs arrived at nursery complete with their own special incubator. We only had a few days to wait until much to our excitement they began to hatch. First there were four, we very quickly had two more then overnight another two hatched. Wow, how wonderful this was, some of us were able to watch the chicks hatching from their eggs. They were very soggy but after a while drying out they became fluffy and really cute. This wonderful experience has given the children an excellent opportunity to gain scientific knowledge relating to the life cycle of a hen which includes growth and change. We have also learned the correct vocabulary to use such as embryo, incubator and fertilisation. We have begun to explore the important mathematical concept of pattern. First, we sang a song using our body to make sound patterns (clapping, stamping etc). After this we went on to use natural resources such as conkers, sticks and leaves to create a simple pattern on card. Our new curriculum goal is 'Follow'. To do this, at group time, we referred to a recipe card to make banana and oat flapjacks. We all measured out two spoonfuls of oats and mashed them together with a piece of banana to make our own balls of squidy dough. We placed these onto a baking tray and cooked them until they were done. Eating them was the best bit!



## Next Week

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

We will be continuing our exploration of pattern, reinforcing the children's understanding as they create their own patterns independently. The children will be encouraged to join in with action rhymes and body percussion such as 'Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes', 'Copy me do', 'Jump up and down and clap your hands'. This activity helps to develop an awareness of sounds and rhythm. We are planning on continuing the children's interest in cooking and next week we are going to relate it to the story of 'The Little Red Hen' by having fun making bread and butter.

## At Home

You might like to look for information about eggs and chicks on the internet with your child. Have you been to see the eggs in the incubator at nursery? We have an amazing film on The Lawns Nursery website of an egg hatching which you might like to watch with your child. Perhaps you could let your child practise spreading and cutting with a knife. Maybe they could have a go at making their own sandwich or buttering their toast? This week our key words are **feather, beak, chirp, continue and spread.**