

## Learning Journal 15.4.16

This week...Spring has sprung.....in Splash anyway if not outside. We found primroses at Woodland Workshop and our beans and sweet peas have grown really quickly indoors. We also have eggs in an incubator in the classroom, which we are looking after very carefully! It is all very exciting and we are counting down the days until they hatch, as well as thinking of good chicken names.



### Literacy and Phonics

Our writing challenge continues and we are working towards our next awards. We have been practising capital letters in Reception and are learning the letter names as well as their sounds. Please continue to practice these at home as often as possible. The nursery children do daily phonics and are learning lots of sounds. We have also been writing lots of labels and names for our chickens, and writing instructions to explain how to hatch out chicks from eggs.

## Mathematics

Reception have been doubling numbers this week and are really good at counting a number twice to find the double. We need to be able to recall doubles quickly and easily to help us solve problems and work out calculations. Our younger children have been fishing for numbers and matching numbers to help them remember what each one looks like.

Help at Home.....Reception need to keep learning letter names as well as sounds and writing those capital letters. Any writing practice they do will be rewarded with pebbles if they bring it into school. Also doubling numbers to 10 is really quick and easy to do. If they are unsure get them to put up the correct number of fingers then count them twice to find the double.

Other news.....we enjoyed a story about a clever stick before setting off to Woodland Workshop this week and we looked to see if we could find any clever sticks. We found really clever ones that could draw pictures in the mud and write messages.



Carrying our sticks over.



We got very muddy hands!!!



Next Week.....on Wednesday we have a recycling workshop with a visitor from NCC who will teach the children all about materials which do and don't recycle, and which bins to put them in.

PE is on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon and we still need warm outdoor PE kit to go outside.