



# Waterbeach Community Primary School

## Curriculum Capture for EYFS

### Theme: ON THE FARM – Chicks



#### Key Text

#### Information provided by 'Living Eggs'

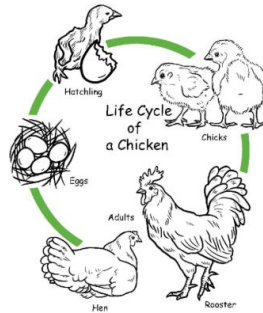
Embryo Photos	
<b>Day 1</b>  48 hours Beginning of embryonic development 48 hours Appearance of yolk 48 hours Appearance of vascular network	<b>Day 4</b>  96 hours Beginning of embryo development 96 hours Appearance of embryo
<b>Day 2</b>  72 hours Beginning of heart 72 hours Beginning of eye 72 hours Heart beats	<b>Day 5</b>  120 hours Beginning of head 120 hours Beginning of neck 120 hours Beginning of tail
<b>Day 3</b>  60 hours Beginning of head 60 hours Beginning of eye 60 hours Beginning of wing	<b>Day 7</b>  168 hours Beginning of head 168 hours Beginning of neck 168 hours Beginning of tail



#### Key Knowledge

##### What is the life cycle of a chicken?

- A hen lays an egg, the egg hatches into a chick, the chick grows into a hen and then it begins again



##### How do you look after chicks?

Eggs and Chicks are very fragile so we need to take great care when looking after them. To do this we will:

- Use a quiet voice in the chick area
- Keep our hands behind our backs
- Make signs for visitors in the classroom so they know the chick area rules
- Stand back from the incubator so that we don't disturb the eggs
- Make sure the incubator has enough water to keep the eggs moist
- Leave the chicks in the incubator for at least 24 hours after they have hatched so that they are fluffy and strong enough to go to the brooder box
- Stand back from the brooder back so we don't scare the chicks
- Feed the chicks twice a day
- Make sure the chicks always have water
- Leave the light on to keep the chicks warm
- Clean out the brooder box once a day

We will also be handling the chicks. When we do this, we must

- Use gentle hands
  - Use quiet voices
  - Move slowly so we don't frighten the chicks
  - Make sure the chicks stay in the circle we have made
- After we have handled the chicks we will wash our hands and check the floor area is clean.

##### What is there to know about chicks?

- A female chicken is called a hen
- A male chicken is called a cockerel or a rooster
- For a chicken to grow in an egg, the hen must be mated with the cockerel
- It takes 21 days for a chick to grow inside an egg
- A chick has an egg tooth to help it peck out of the egg
- Chickens have dreams when they sleep, just like us!
- Chickens have their own 'language' of over 30 chicken sounds.
- Chickens have full colour vision.
- Hens will fight to defend their young so remember that the next time someone calls you 'chicken'.

#### Key Skills

- To be able to take care of living creatures.
- To handle living creatures carefully and safely. This will include visiting the school chickens.
- To complete a daily diary through class discussion of what happened each day.
- To know how to find out key facts using non-fiction texts and the internet.
- To gain a greater understanding of measure weight as we weigh the eggs and the chicks daily.
- To gain an understanding of life cycles.
- To learn chick and farm related songs: (Spring chicken, Old mac Donald etc. )

#### Key Vocabulary

hen	yolk	hatch	life cycle
rooster	air sac	dander	days of the week
cockerel	nest	feathers	heavy
chick	incubator	egg tooth	light
fertile egg	pipping	brooder box	grams