



Term: Spring 2  
 Learning Project: Are Eggs Alive?

Communication & Language  
Literacy

What do they know already? What would they like to find out? Prepare questions for living eggs staff/farm staff (pre visit)  
 Discuss and document farm trip - favourite animals - identify animal noises

Reading Den:

Stories - Six Little Chicks, Egg Drop, The Odd Egg, Chicken Licken, I spy on the farm, Rosie's Walk, Farmer Duck, In the pond, Chicken Nugget, The Little Red Hen, Click Clack Moo

Provide lots of Non - Fiction Books - egg to chick etc  
 Recount visit/experiences / act out stories using puppet/theatre

Writing Den:

Create own information books - egg to chicken  
 Write invitations for others to visit our chicks  
 Label pictures of chicks  
 Make a class info book on farm animals  
 Name the chicks - write a list of names for a register  
 Write instructions on how to care/handle the chicks  
 Writing materials in role play area - write a jobs list for the lazy farmer, write menu/shopping list for the farmhouse Cafe

Maths Den

Record number of chicks hatching  
 Remove chicks from box - one more/one less  
 Measure chicks using unifix blocks  
 Sing 10 little chicks / farmer pete - subtraction  
 Make 2d shape chicks  
 Transparent containers with coloured water to compare capacity - hulks lab  
 Sequence egg sizes  
 Sort and count farm animals - sort by feature too

Personal, Social & Emotional Development.

Care for chicks in brooder box  
 Develop set of rules to care for chicks  
 Taking care - take turn to feed, water, and help clean  
 Circle time - discuss looking after living things

Sand/Water/Materials

Create some pretend frogspawn  
 Put hay, leaves, twigs, grass ... in tray to create nests  
 Create pond habitat using small world

Understanding the world

Changing season - Spring - look for signs  
 Spring weather - investigate create a weather diary - what happens to the trees?  
 Observe chicks hatching then changes  
 Compare themselves to chicks - similarities/differences  
 Look at features of the chick  
 Life cycle - sort and order  
 What else lives on a farm?  
 Compare different eggs - hen, quail, duck,  
 Observe frogspawn in tank - document changes  
 Which animals lay eggs?  
 Begin planting in the outdoor planters  
 Design and make a shelter for a rainy day - keep animals dry and warm

Construction

Build chicken coup - build an enclosure for chicks to play in - how high will it have to be?  
 Make shelters - wind breakers  
 Build farm animals - junk and recycled materials.

Expressive Arts and Design

Make model chick homes/ brooder boxes  
 Make pom pom chicks  
 Make mod-roc eggs  
 Observational drawings of chicks  
 3d farm animals  
 Make nests  
 Make a chick - collage yellow  
 'animal feet' printing  
 Create a windy day weather dance  
 Explore movement of animals using movement and percussion  
 Making wind chimes  
 Design own superhero suits

Physical Development.

Handling chicks carefully using good hygiene  
 Compare own diet to chicks'  
 Shape/mould/glue - chick art  
 Sing/act '5 little chicks'  
 Animal yoga  
 Ball skills in PD sessions  
 Daily fine motor challenge

Small World

Farm

Role Play/Memorable experience

Role play - farm / farm café  
 Living Eggs - hatching in the classroom  
 Visit to New Grange Farm