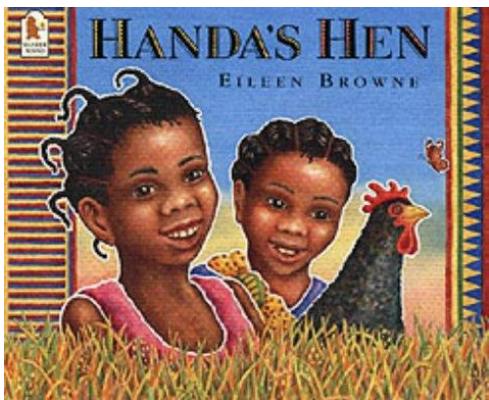




Peek at the Week

Friday 16th April



It was lovely to welcome the children back this week after the holidays, and hear all about their Easter news. Our topic for this half term is growing, and our focus story for this week was 'Handa's Hen' by Eileen Browne.

We talked about the different things which grow and how they change, including people, animals, fruits and vegetables. We sequenced and acted out the life cycle of a hen and watched a time lapse video of a chick hatching – which was very exciting! In literacy, Miss Hall took us on a hunt around the outdoor area to find hidden eggs. Inside each egg, we found a phase 2 or 3 high frequency word which we then had a go at reading. We talked

about healthy breakfasts and wrote about what we eat for breakfast, lunch, snack and dinner, then we matched them with the clocks (see Maths).

On Thursday afternoon we had a visit from a chicken called Evie and a cockerel called Frankie that live in Felix and Grace's garden. Some of us stroked their very soft feathers and we talked about what they eat and where they live. Oliver told us that some chickens lay blue eggs, but Evie lays brown eggs.

In Maths this week we practised ordering a random selection of numbers from smallest to largest, using a number line to support our reasoning. We also learnt to count on to 10 or 20 from a given number, and practised this skill by jumping up or down a large number line. We talked about the times we eat our meals during the day and most of us recognised the times on a clock face.



To support our creative development this week, we had lots of fun making crispy cake bird nests with Mrs Bishop. We melted the chocolate, before carefully mixing it into the cornflakes, spooning it into cases and counting out smarties for the 'eggs'.



We learnt how to draw chicks this week, by following Miss Bennett's instructions. We had to listen carefully to the shape vocabulary and positional language that she used. We even signed our work, like true artists! We manipulated clay to make birds – we are waiting for them to dry so that we can paint them.

The Nursery children made lovely nests and even used forks to paint fluffy chicks. They have enjoyed the spring sunshine, doing lots of activities outdoors.

We used a variety of materials to make nests and we even had soft toy birds that sounded like the real birds to make nests for outside. We were very surprised that the birds in the trees sang to our toy birds!



In phonics, we revised the phase 3 digraphs ch, sh and th. We practised reading and writing words with these sounds in, as well as the ones we already know.



Congratulations to **Owen** who is Waveney Class's Star of the Week! He has done some super maths and has settled into this school very well. Well done, Owen!

HOME LEARNING

NURSERY If you go for a walk, see if you can see any baby animals and spring flowers. Make a spring picture.

RECEPTION The children will be presenting a song about healthy eating to other classes on Monday. Please help them to practise the song – the link is here:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-one-tomato-two-tomatoes/zf2kbdm>

Have a lovely weekend!

The Waveney Class Team