

Individual Activity Lesson Plan

Date: Tuesday 28th April 2020

Activity Title: Life Cycle of a Chicken

Learning Intention:

- To learn about how an egg becomes a chicken.

Activity Overview:

Learn about the different life stages of a chicken.

Links to EYFS: Understanding the World:

- Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.
- Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.

Resources:

- Printed out template – Life Cycle of a Chicken (if a printer is unavailable, bring it up directly on a device)
- Scissors, glue

Key vocabulary:

Egg, hatch, chick, hen, lay, nest, grow.

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)

Introduction:

- Show your child pictures of chickens and have a discussion about what they already know about them.
- *Do you know where chickens live?
- *What do they eat?
- *I wonder where they come from. What do you think?



Main Activity:

- Explain to your child that they are going to learn more about chickens and where they come from.
- First, show your child the provided template and go through the pictures on the top. Let them describe what is happening in each picture, support them with the correct vocabulary if needed (e.g. nest, hatch, lay, grow).
- Read the fact cards to your child and regularly check their understanding.
- *Why does the mummy hen sit on the eggs?
- *How does a baby chick get out of the egg?
- *What colour are baby chicks?
- *Do you remember what we call a mummy and daddy chick?
- Encourage your child to tell you the life stages of a chicken, using the pictures in the template as prompts. Guide them with questions if necessary.
- *First, there is an egg. What happens next?
- *And what happens after the chick hatches?
- Invite your child to do the sequencing activity at the end of the template.
- Recap the life stages of a chicken by watching the following short video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTB0mbuYCJA>

Challenge:

- Watch a video of Julia visiting a farm. Can you guess which animals she met? Click on the link below to find out:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g7VAAwetTU&t=51s>
- Follow the video link below and watch a baby chick hatching!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F38tIGO5TFY>
- Invite your child to create a poster of the life cycle of a chicken.



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Additional ways to support your child:

If your child finds it tricky to focus on the fact cards, you can skip them and use your own words when explaining the life stages of a chicken. Using the pictures, keep it short and simple.

Extension:

Invite your child to learn about the life cycle of a different animal, such as a butterfly or frog.

How a Caterpillar Becomes a Butterfly:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5RSpMQQOpw>

Life Cycle of a Frog:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3EIGMVU6SY>

