

## 1B's chicks and memorable event

Over the last two weeks 1B have been learning all about chickens and observing them throughout their life cycle. Excited children watched on as 10 eggs arrived in an incubator, ready to hatch any day. We watched them closely and discussed the life cycle of a chicken. We discovered that chicks develop in the egg for 21 days. Our chicks were at day 19/20 so we did not have long to wait.



As they were staying warm in their incubator we saw some cracks starting to appear just before it was home time. We were able to record our first chick hatching (See separate blog-eggs hatching).

What temperature did the incubator have to be to keep the eggs warm?

How many chicks had hatched by the morning?

What did they look like after they first hatched? How did they change throughout the day?



We made rules to keep our chicks safe and wrote down lots of questions we wanted to know. Can you spot our chick masks keeping the chicks company?



Why did we have to keep them in the incubator for the day after they had hatched?

How did we know they were ready to be placed into the brooder box?

Once they were transferred into the brooder box which was lined with newspaper and wood shavings they were very sleepy. We gave them food and water and a lamp to sleep under.

Why did they need a lamp?



Finally they were big enough for us to be able to hold gently and watch run around. We were able to do this a few times over the two weeks. We could see how their behaviours and appearance changed over time.



How had they changed since they hatched?

What did they feel like when you held them? Did you like it?



Each day a group got the exciting job of cleaning out the brooder box. We surprising enjoyed this part and were very eager to make sure that our chicks were well looked after.

What did we have to give them every day?

What do you think the difference would be if the chicks were on a farm?





We did such a great job of keeping our chicks safe, healthy and happy. We were able to share our knowledge and experience when our wonderful parents, grandparents, brothers and sister and carers came in to see our chicks for the last time. Thank you everyone that was able to come and share our 'eggciting' experience!

1B loved having the chicks and watching them progress through their life cycle.

