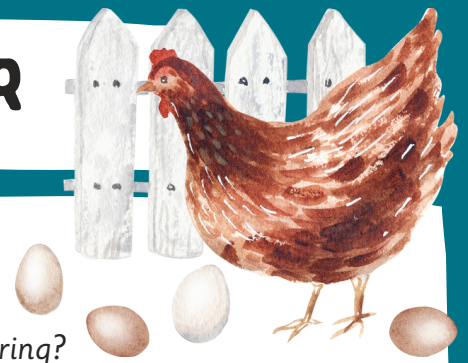


# WILLOW CLASS SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER



## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This term our learning centres around a question- How do we know it's Spring? To help us explore this question we are looking forward to some very egg-xciting arrivals! Next week our hen's eggs will be arriving in EYFS. We'll be learning that it is important to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things, whilst finding out about the magical life cycle of chickens.

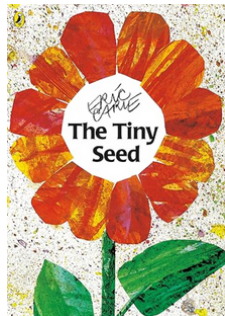
Our eggs are from an ethical farm, which raise their chickens to the highest welfare standards. Once they've hatched we'll look after them for a week, until they're ready to go to their homes. All the chicks (including the notoriously noisy roosters!) will go to small holdings where they'll have lovely lives.



## LITERACY

Our class book for the first part of the term is *Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema. This story, based on a traditional African tale will set the scene for us to explore life in Kenya. We'll link this with learning about maps and creating our own maps of the school and local area.

Later in the term we will be reading *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle and spending lots of time outdoors looking for signs of Spring and planting seeds as we learn about plants lifecycles



## MATHS

In Maths we are investigating length, height and time. We'll learn to make comparisons using the correct vocabulary, through lots of engaging, play based experiences. We'll go on to expand our understanding of number bonds to ten and doubles.

## HAVE YOU SEEN...

[bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people](http://bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people)

Its jam packed with excellent advice on everything from how to support your child's speech and language development, to your child's 2 year check and fun, free activities you might like to try at home.

## #HELPTHOME

Look out for the #helathome tag on Tapestry. Posts with this tag will include simple, fun ideas for you to try at home to support your child's learning.

Reading - We ask all families from Reception onward to listen to their child read five times a week. Research shows that reading at home has a huge impact on children's progress and love of reading, which is a strong predictor of academic achievement! Please record any home reads in your child's Reading Diary, so they can be counted towards their prize total.

For families of Nursery children, it's never too early to start enjoying books together! Reading daily with your child will lay the foundations of a love of reading, broaden your child's vocabulary and boost their wellbeing.

