

Curriculum matters summer 2022 – 3-4 year olds in the snuggery

When we came back in April after the Easter Holidays, some of the snuggery 2 year olds moved up to the 3-4 provision, and they were joined by some new children too. Our new friends have been having fun exploring the new environment and have settled really well and everyone is getting used to the new routines and getting to know their new key persons.

We have had lots of exciting animals come to visit us this term! First, some eggs arrived – we were really excited to watch them hatch. We shared our ideas about what we thought might come out and also what we thought the chicks might grow into, developing our knowledge of life cycles. A couple of us were a bit scared of the chicks but by the end of the 2 weeks we were touching them and some children even held them! We are still talking about the chicks many weeks after they have gone, and go to check if they are in the research room. Someone had the idea that they had gone to the moon so we have been making spaceships with the big bricks outside to go visit them! This involved lots of idea sharing and working together!

We also had the zoolab animals pay a visit and we met and stoked some new and exciting animals. Now we have caterpillars – we have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and watching all the changes take place. We have been making marks to record what we can see. We can't wait to see the butterflies!

We have also been spending lots of time in the garden, especially enjoying the sand and moving in lots of different ways; exploring the big play equipment, playing on the bikes and playing hide and seek with our friends. We have also shown lots of interest in stories, books and imaginative play. We have been going on Bear Hunts, acting out the story of *The 3 Billy Goats Gruff* with puppets, and creating castles for Elsa.

