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Hello everyone



Chicken News.

Eggs-citing developments at Lillian - the chicks have HATCHED!

The gorgeous chicks have joined our nursery.

The children LOVE them. We are SO impressed with how gentle they have been when they've had the chance to hold them and how curious the children have been about them.

Because of Covid precautions we are REALLY good at washing our hands before and after we hold them. And some children chose not to hold them and watch carefully instead.

At Lillian we ask open ended questions when we talk with the children.

Here's why:

They give more opportunities to think, be curious, explain, describe and be listened to - so they feel they are worth being listened to which is so important to their feelings of self worth.

What do we mean by an open question?

Well, here's a closed question:

"Do you know what colour the chicks are?"

"Yes/No/Yellow."

End of conversation and they are telling you something you already knew. But it's so much more interesting to find out what your child is thinking and how they are processing their experience.

An open ended question begins with:

"I wonder how/why/what....?"

Here's an example.

"I wonder what the chicks look like in the nursery - please tell me what you've seen."

If they aren't sure show them the photo in this letter and just say:

"Ooooh! What's going on here?"

Sometimes children need a photo to look at to help them organise their thoughts - we use photos and picture a lot at Lillian to focus our talking.

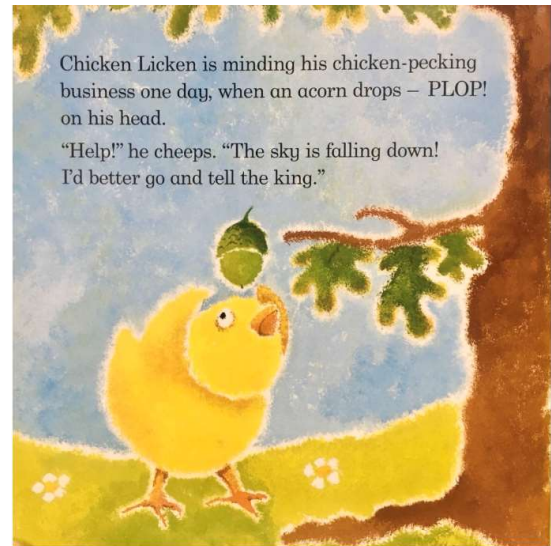
Give the child time to think...

And they might say..yellow, feel fluffy, feathers, wings, beaks, funny feet, spiky feet, light in a box and..chicken poo!

"How do you know they feel fluffy?"

And they might tell you about holding them or watching them.

Enjoy listening to your child!



Ask your child about the story of Chicken Licken that we've been reading together at Nursery.

WARNING: A hungry fox has a full tummy at the end of the story! Don't tell the chicks!!

<https://youtu.be/t6m036ueCPo>

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Kind regards,

All the team at Lillian de Lissa

