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## Hello everyone!



Chicken News.

Exciting developments at Lillian - the incubator with the eggs has arrived.

The score so far - Eggs 10, chicks 0. But it's early days and a breakthrough is expected very soon.

Children are watching the eggs for signs of cracks/movements and listening for sounds.

Mrs Brown is checking that the incubator is keeping the eggs warm and turning the eggs around every day just like the Mommy Hen would.

We'll keep you up to date with any 'breaking' news - we are so eggs-cited!

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 will come out of the eggs?"

The child will say "Yes/no/chick."

End of conversation and they are telling you something you already knew.

An open ended question begins with:

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

Here's an example.

"I wonder what will come out of the egg..?"

Give the child time to think ...

And they might say..chicken/duck/dinosaur..and talk about what they think will happen next..

if a child says duck/dinosaur- it isn't a wrong answer- it gives us an insight into what they think is inside an egg and a way of continuing the conversation.

"A dinosaur?! In Nursery? Oh - in that tiny box? What will happen next?"

On Monday 8/3/21 schools all over England are reopened.

If you're worried in any way about your child's safety please, please ring us and have a chat. We're happy to answer any questions you may have - there's no such thing as a silly question and your thoughts will be taken very seriously.

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Kind regards,

All the team at Lillian de Lissa





