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# Hello everyone!



Chicken News.

The chicks are too big for our nursery now and have gone back to the farm.

Not all eggs hatch into chicks though..

This week our home learning is about eggs.

You could...

Break an egg into a bowl and invite your child to touch it and closely examine the shell that it came out of. You could ask your child to break it for you perhaps?

Yes - it's a bit messy - but nothing a bit of soap and water can't solve - be brave!

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 want to touch the egg?"

The answer is yes/no.

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....?"

You could say..

How can we break the egg?

What do you think is inside?

How can we break the egg?

Oh! What can you see?

What does it feel like?

(You might need to touch it first! Be brave.)

Give your child time to respond. Sometimes they need a bit of time to process what they are thinking before they speak.

If your child needs support to find the words to talk about the egg then you can be the example by talking about what you can see/feel:

The egg feels very slippery/slimy!

The yellow bit has burst!

The egg shell is broken into little pieces and feels sharp on my fingers.

Enjoy listening to your child! Take some photos if you have a smartphone to record what you've done - this is a good way for children to remember what they've done with you - it will make them feel important that you did this together.

If you'd like to see what happened to an egg when Mrs Partridge tried to learn the rhyme Humpty Dumpty go to our Facebook page.

WARNING: Look out for the wolf Humpty!

<https://fb.watch/4r3JNvE9XK/>

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Kind regards,

All the team at Lillian de Lissa

