

Forest Schools

Spring

Activity Week

2018



Everyone at Hillside had lots of fun celebrating the arrival of spring 2018.

We hatched ducklings in the Forest School classroom.



We had five eggs which we kept warm and moist in an incubator. They soon hatched using their egg tooth to break out of the shell.



This one is Titch he was the last hatch.

They lived in a special cage filled with sawdust and a brooding plate to keep them warm; we fed them on pellets and water.

We named them Jemima, Daisy, Ben, Bumble and Titch.



We all enjoyed watching them grow bigger and stronger.

They loved playing in hay with the guinea pigs.





They felt very soft. We had to be gentle handling them as they were so small and fragile.

Connor enjoyed feeding Bumble pellets out of his hand.



The ducklings loved swimming.

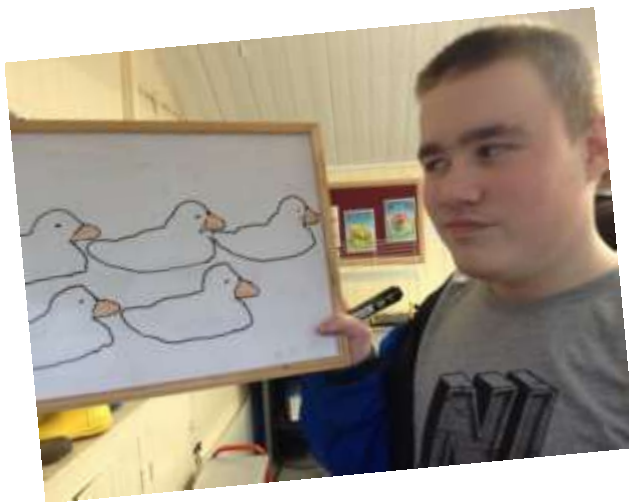
The feathers on ducklings and ducks are covered in an oily substance that makes them waterproof. The water rolled off the ducklings.





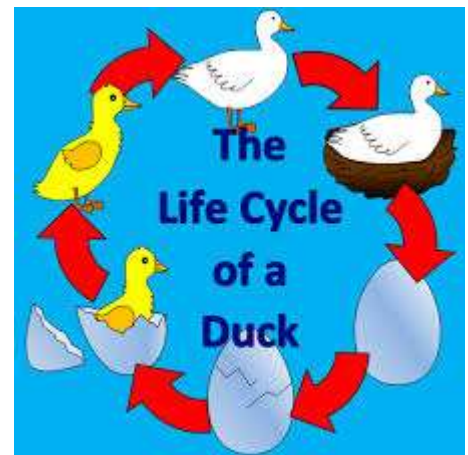
Our ducklings
delighted everyone.





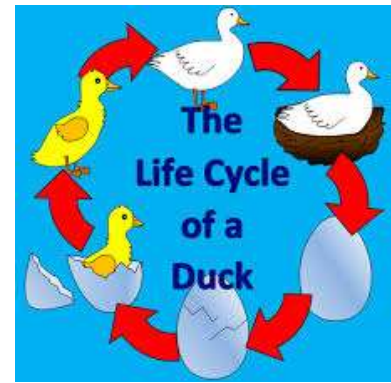


We learnt about life cycles and how to care for our ducklings.



Our ducklings now have a new home with Louise Price and her family, one of our teachers at Hillside.

They are growing fast and enjoying their new home.



Wow they have grown much bigger and they have feathers now.

Guinea Pigs

We also learnt how to care for guinea pigs.

Chips, Elsa and Anna.



They felt soft and furry.

Guinea pigs like to hide in tunnels and cosy warm places.



They eat hay, cereals, fruit and vegetables.



We enjoyed stroking
them and feeding
them.



Everyone was very gentle and caring.



The guinea pigs and ducklings enjoyed sharing a cosy play pen together.



Amazing guinea pig facts

Their teeth are constantly growing so it's important for them to chew to wear them down.



The oldest guinea pig was 15 years old and is in the **Guinness** book of records. Guinea pigs have 4 toes on the forefoot and 3 on the hind foot. Each guinea pig has five different types of hair that makes up their coat.



It's important to know how to care for pets!



Cooking

We made Easter nests and biscuits.



Yum!



Everyone loved the chocolate fountain with fresh fruit.



What a treat.



Gardening



We planted seeds.



Sunflower



Nasturtium



Beans

We all worked hard together to improve our school environment by weeding and planting new plants.



Well done everyone!

Class 1 had lots of fun on their first visit to the polytunnel.



Orienteering Challenge



We searched around school for spring pictures and letters to crack the code to claim an Easter egg.

The secret word was **ducklings**.



Spring pictures.

We had lots of fun in the adventure playground and mud kitchen.



Making lovely
gloop cakes.

Having fun in the spring sunshine.





After a very busy fun packed week we held a special Easter celebration assembly.

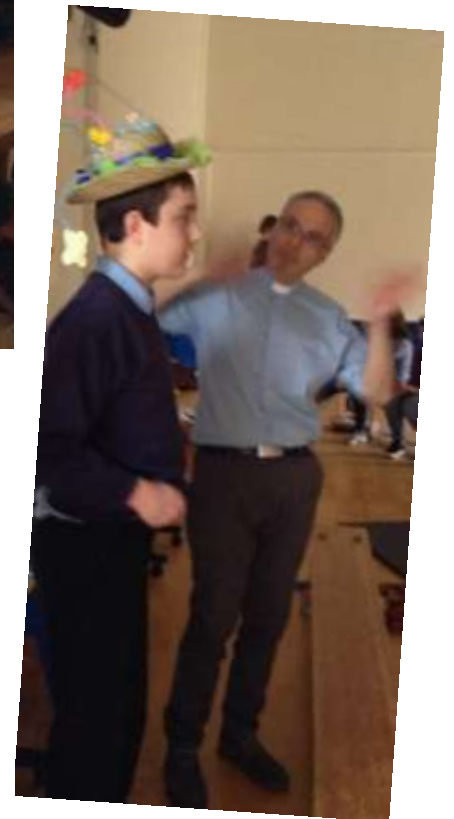
Reverend Ray hosted our assembly.

We had great fun acting out the Easter story and singing songs.



Rev Ray gave out our competition prizes.

We had some fantastic art work, Easter bonnets, decorated eggs and fabulous poetry.



Wow great bonnets





Well done everyone and congratulations to all our competition winners.

