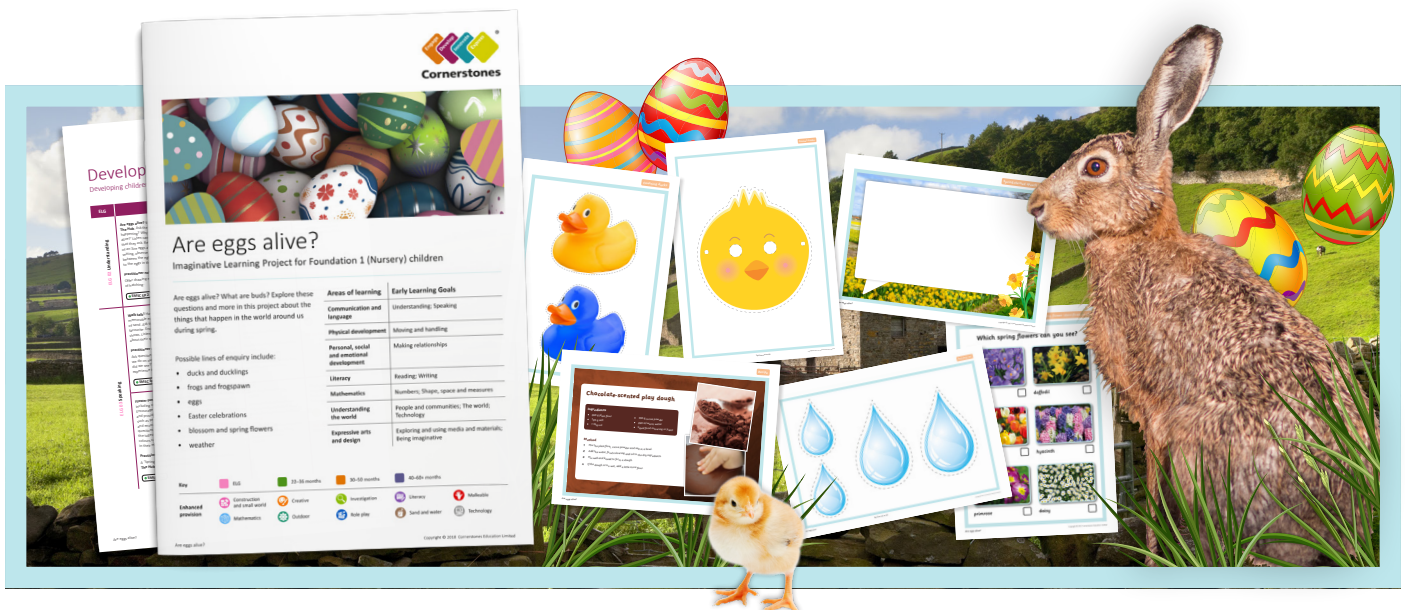


Are eggs alive?



Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken. Lay a little egg for me! Are eggs alive? What are buds? It's time to find out more about the things that happen in the world around us during spring.

This half term, we'll head outside for a spring walk to see and explore a range of plants and animals. We'll collect some frogspawn to take back to school for observation. Do frogs really develop out of this strange jelly? Looking at eggs more closely, we'll learn about incubation and hatching. Back outside, we'll set up a weather station to measure rain, temperature, and wind speed and direction. We'll plant, care for and observe a range of seeds. What do they need to grow? Before we draw and paint them, we'll smell and gently touch spring flowers, using hand lenses to identify petals, stems and leaves. In our literacy lessons, we'll listen to and find out about the Easter story, and we'll sing and play along to spring-themed nursery rhymes. Using our maths skills, we'll count ducks. What happens to the total number when a duck goes missing? Not forgetting Easter eggs, we'll pour melted chocolate into moulds to make chocolate bunnies and eggs. Then, we'll go on an Easter egg hunt!

At the end of the project, we'll invite you to come and make spring bonnets with us. We'll also take photographs of the plants we have grown to upload, print and display.

Areas of learning	Early Learning Goals
Communication and language	Understanding; Speaking
Physical development	Moving and handling
Personal, social and emotional development	Making relationships
Literacy	Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers; Shape, space and measures
Understanding the world	People and communities; The world; Technology
Expressive arts and design	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative

Help your child prepare for their project

Spring has sprung! Why not visit a local farm together to see cute baby animals. Can you feed or hold one? Which babies hatched out of eggs? You could also monitor the plants in your garden or a local park over a number of days. Which ones are growing fast? Have any started to bloom? Alternatively, try out some springtime recipes in the kitchen. Spinach omelettes and spring pea soup are both delicious.