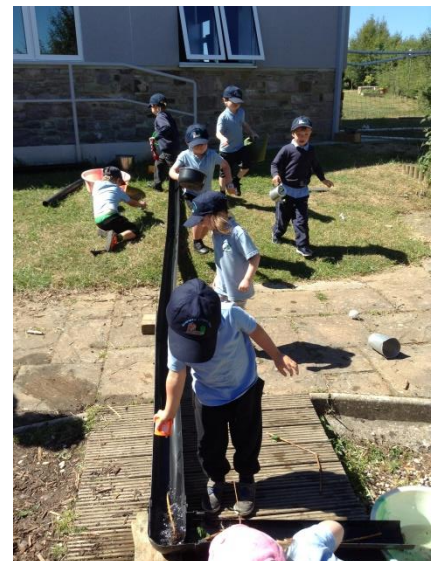
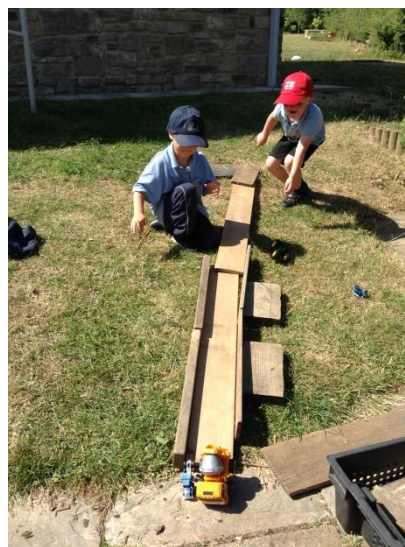


## Splash Blog 6.7.18

We have been learning out of doors for most of the time over the past few weeks, as the weather has been so amazing. I would like to share with you all our learning experiences which are play based, planned and carried out by the children, with support from adults when needed. Your children are wonderfully creative and imaginative, and can solve problems and negotiate roles to achieve an outcome. Here are some of our exciting learning activities that your children have excelled in this week.





Building activities help us build strength and stamina in our arms for writing, and teach us about forces and pushes and pulls. We often have to work as a team to build structures, negotiating and planning, using lots of good language and social skills. We find ways to solve problems; the children were only allowed one bucket of water for their water chute and had to work out how to collect the water at the end and re-use it.

Our finger gym activities help us develop good writing muscles and involve threading and lacing, and working with small objects including cutlery for eating. To write, we also need strong arm muscles and we climb trees and swing and play to develop these.





We spend our time learning to respect and care for God's creatures, preparing us to be responsible citizens in the world. These baby chicks came to visit our class for the day; we watched our tadpoles grow with wonder and excitement and took care of them; we explore the woods and have been pond dipping to learn about the wildlife that makes it's home there. We treat all living creatures with care and respect.



Your children are also learning to be part of a community.....to get along with others, to take responsibility for their own possessions and behaviour and to have a real sense of belonging. We meet as a whole school daily for Worship; we have class story and singing times; we set whole class challenges to encourage children to work together with a shared purpose. This week, we are preparing our own class worship to share our learning about the oceans and seas with the rest of the school.

On Monday, we are going to the beach. Please make sure your child is wearing sun block, has a school jumper or hoodie on, and has their bucket and spade, with their name on. We are going on an expedition to find the end of Long Nanny, the stream which runs through our forest, and we are going to have lots of fun playing games and building sand sculptures.