

## Learning Journal 20.5.16

This week....we have had lots of fun learning about chickens. We have made stories about chickens, painted chickens, made a register for our chickens and enjoyed seeing our chickens try out their new wings and fly around the classroom. The Bishop of Newcastle also visited our school and was very impressed with our children's calm and respectful approach to worship and school life. We have made some fabulous outdoor models including castles and swimming pools and we have enjoyed the fresh air and sunshine in the lovely weather.



## Literacy and Phonics

We have done lots of writing through play this week. We have written plans for our models, stories, registers, lists and labels. All our children like to write at their own level and are excited about writing by themselves.

Some children have really enjoyed researching the Romans and have used non-fiction books to help with their writing.

## Mathematics

Some brilliant times tables work this week, counting in twos, fives and tens. We have been exploring halves and quarters and cutting things in half and colouring half of a shape. Some of us made models that were half one colour and half a different colour. We had to make sure that both halves were equal.

Other news.....Miss Pringle made delicious pizza with the children on Wednesday as we are studying an Italian topic. At woodland workshop this week, we gave the children the iPad and let them take the photos! Here are some of the results.....



Help at Home.....practise halves and quarters by cutting food at tea time or snacks. Do sandwiches into squares and triangles so that the children can see that both are halves / quarters. Any writing practice is good but it is more valuable when done for a purpose, (e.g. a letter or message) and when the child thinks of their own sentence rather than copying.