



Reception - Animals and New Life

Spring 2



Key Questions

Baby Animal puzzle:

How can I understand that not all baby animals look the same as the adult animals?

Dance of the Hungry Caterpillar:

How can I explore the life cycle of a butterfly?

Baby animal: measure and compare:

How can I order and compare different sizes of baby animals?

Baby animal names:

How can I learn the names of baby animals?

Changes:

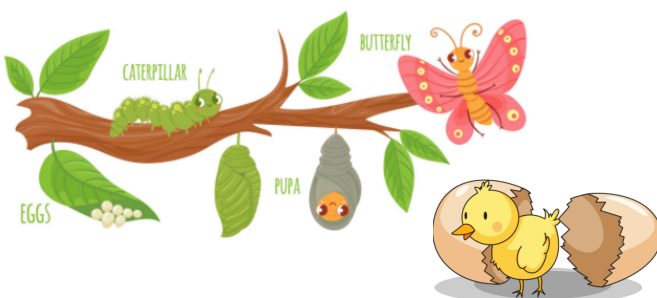
How can I observe how animals and humans change as they grow older?

I wanna be like you!:

How can I understand that baby animals and humans learn through watching playing and copying?

Vocabulary

Baby	animal	human	new	eggs
hatch	tadpole	cocoon	life cycle	
caterpillar		butterfly	transform	
change	grow	older	different	
	observe			



National Curriculum

C&L

- Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity.
- Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.
- Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.
- Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.

PD

- Experiments with different ways of moving.
- Begins to form recognisable letters.
- Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.

L

- Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books.
- Enjoys an increasing range of books.

- Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers.

M

- Orders two or three items by length or height.

UW

- Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.
- Talks about why things happen and how things work.
- Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.

Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things.

EAD

- Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects.
- Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.



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Links through continuous provision

Small world - Animals out to use in planning time

Topic table - Butterfly / caterpillar set up

Topic table - Hungry caterpillar resources set up

Creative area - Baby animal templates, paper plates out and mask to make different animals

Playdough - Animal cutters and pictures to make playdough animals

Maths area - different size animals to order by weight/ height . Animals with numbers on for number formation

Writing area - Hungry Caterpillar writing templates / pictures to draw of life cycles

