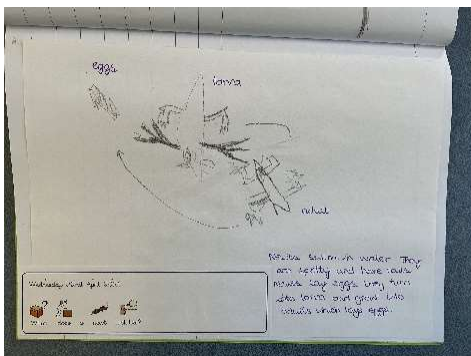


The Beech Bugle

This term, Beech Class has thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the amazing creatures that hatch out of eggs. The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored the different types and classifications of animals, including reptiles, amphibians, birds and insects. It has been a wonderful topic for sparking questions, making observations and deepening scientific thinking.

The children began their unit with the delightful story *The Odd Egg*. They listened carefully and made brilliant predictions about what might hatch from the egg, sharing thoughtful ideas and imaginative guesses. The ending certainly gave everyone a surprise, as the story revealed a crocodile! This unexpected twist led to some lively discussion and encouraged the children to find out more about reptiles and the features that help them live and grow.



One of the highlights of the term was our pond dipping experience in the school grounds. The children were fascinated to discover both juvenile newts and adult newts, which led beautifully into learning about life cycles. They showed fantastic concentration whilst observing the wildlife and asking thoughtful questions about how animals change as they grow.

Next, the children moved on to learning about birds. This was made extra special by their first school trip to the Hawk Conservancy, where they truly had "the best day ever!" They were captivated by the snowy owl and the tawny owl, and it was lovely to see their excitement as they learned more about birds of prey.



Later in the term, Beech Class explored fish, designing their own striking fish patterns, before moving on to dinosaurs. They thought carefully about how the world has changed since dinosaurs roamed the planet, showing real interest in comparing the past and present.



Finally, the children learnt about seeds and plants. They grew their own herbs and are now preparing to plant them out in the allotment, which has helped them understand the importance of caring for living things and where our food comes from.