

The Hens – Les Poules

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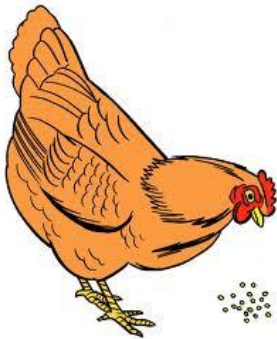
Miss Cook's class were fortunate to see seven chicks hatch from the eggs placed in the incubator at the end of the summer term 2018. Mrs R Strong looked after the chicks for us over the summer holidays and they have now been returned to school as they are now old enough to live outdoors in our chicken coop. They are used to being handled thanks to Mrs Strong.

They are a range of colours from bluebell grey, black, copper black to brown and will be named by the children in the school. Each chicken has the potential to lay 325 eggs a year but they are too young yet to lay eggs.

Hens lay most of their eggs from May to November. The hens will probably lay one egg each per day during the main laying season when old enough.

Mr Robinson is the main care of our chickens and he creosoted the coop and made it more waterproof in preparation for their return. He has chickens of his own at home. The hen's enclosure is cleaned on Fridays but the children who sign up for the Chicken Club may help with this task and that of collecting eggs. Mrs McKinlay will teach the pupils how to care for the chickens and will be supported by the Chicken Monitors: Julia Skrzpiec, Hannah Casserly, Liam Walker and Lewis Lister.

The hens eat a mixture of wheat and corn and something called 'layers mash'. They also like slugs, worms and snails and can get quite partial to leftovers.



Une poule



un oeuf



un poulailler