

Chickens



Activity 1: Egg-Tastic

Chickens produce eggs and they form an important part of our diet called 'Protein.' We need protein because it helps our bodies to build and repair tissue and muscles.

Think about eggs and the many ways in which we eat them. There are different ways an egg can be prepared and served, as well as many recipes that contain eggs. Make a list below of 30 different ways in which eggs can be eaten – either as the main ingredient, or as part of a dish:

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Activity 2: A Home for a Hen

It is very important that hens have a comfortable, warm place to lay their eggs.

Get creative and design a hen house fit for our Tatton Park chickens! You need to make sure that it is warm and comfortable and that it has a clever device installed that helps farmers with the collection of eggs.

Draw your creation and label all the sections to tell us what they do and why you think they are important.

Then write a persuasive advert for your hen house, which could be used on a website or in a catalogue. You need to persuade the farmers that your creation is the best and that they should buy it. Use positive adjectives to describe the special features of the hen house and persuade them that their hens will benefit from living inside it. TIP: It might help you to research adverts first – what words do other people use to describe and sell their products?

Activity 3: True or False?

Below is a list of facts – can you work out if they are true or false? Answers at the bottom of the page!

- 1) Chickens can remember over 100 different faces
- 2) A hen lays 20 eggs a year
- 3) Eggs can be different colours
- 4) The chicken is a relative of the tyrannosaurus rex
- 5) Chickens are colour blind
- 6) Chickens have dreams when they are asleep
- 7) It takes 4 days for a chicken to lay an egg
- 8) When chickens get stressed, they start to lose their feathers

Answers:
1) TRUE
2) FALSE – THEY CAN LAY MORE THAN 300 EGGS EVERY YEAR
3) TRUE
4) TRUE
5) FALSE – CHICKENS CAN SEE IN FULL COLOUR
6) TRUE
7) FALSE – IT ONLY TAKES 26 HOURS
8) TRUE

