

Title: Keeping chickens now and then.

Subject Area: History

Key Stage 1

NC link: 2, 4a and b, 6b and d.

Learning Objective:

- Children consider how chickens were kept in the past and how they are kept now.
- Children identify difference between ways of life at different times.
- Children illustrate how they think that the hens were kept for egg production.

Resources:

- Access to the internet if appropriate.
- If possible organise a visit by someone who perhaps kept chickens in the past, or a local farmer who could talk to the children on the topic.
- Encourage children to talk to grandparents/great grandparents about their experience and bring in anything relevant to discuss.
- Paper for illustrations (pens and coloured pencils)

Starter

Ask: How do you think that chickens are kept today, for example the chickens that produce eggs for the local supermarket. Discuss poultry farming in the UK and the differences between free range, battery farms and perhaps chickens kept at home.

Main Teaching Activity:

Ask the children to illustrate their ideas in the 'now' box on the sheet. Now discuss how things have changed in the last 60 years, depending on who you have available to speak or what other resources you have found you could discuss the following; How chickens were kept and preserved in the war, rationing- you could either have a ration for eggs or for grit if you kept chickens, how chickens were kept before the war- in small flocks by farmers and all eggs were locally produced (less supermarkets). Ask the children to fill in the 'then' box depending on your discussions.

Plenary

- Let individual children explain to the class what they have drawn in each of the boxes and discuss differences.

Differentiation

As an extra challenge the 'now' box could be split into 3 sections to show the 3 main ways of keeping hens now.

Keeping chickens 'now' and 'then'



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the art of keeping chickens

This is how I think chickens are kept now:

We have been thinking about how chickens were kept 60 years ago. This is how I think that chickens were kept then: