

Title: Salmonella

Subject Area: Citizenship

Key Stage 3

NC link: 1h, c and i. 3

Learning Objective:

- Children consider the reasons for concern about salmonella in eggs in the 1988 and Edwina Curry's role.
- Children consider the effects of the media at the time.
- Children consider the consequences of the health minister's statement to industry and the public.
- Children investigate the 'lion' mark on eggs.

Resources:

- Access to internet.
- Paper for recording ideas.

Starter

In 1988 the egg industry was outraged by claims from the health minister that "most of Britain's egg production is infected with the Salmonella bacteria". Egg sales dropped by half and the government was forced to spend thousands on reassuring customers.

Main Teaching Activity:

- In groups challenge the children to consider the impact of Edwina Curry's statement and the consequences it would have had. Who would have been affected by this? What is Salmonella and how does it spread? What did the government do? What has changed since this?

Plenary

- Discuss the Lion mark now found on eggs and how this was 'relaunched' to boost the public's confidence in eggs.

<http://www.britegg.co.uk/lionquality05/summarylionqual.pdf>

Differentiation