



PAINT THE WESTSIDE READ

# Have you heard about the Reading Egg?

A community literacy project across Inner West Preschools and the wider community.



Some of our families went to the Town Hall on the special night when Parker the Pelican brought the egg to everyone.

He said we need to *read, sing, rhyme, dance and talk* to the egg to help it grow.

At kindy we have been reading the book 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon' and singing and signing the rhyme 'Hey Diddle Diddle'. We also went on an excursion to see the Patch Theatre performance of 'YO DIDDLE DIDDLE'.



Georgia and Georgia liked to sing to the egg. Jess our teacher took a video of the girls singing. Georgia was singing 'Hush little baby'. This is a song her mum sings to her at bed time. Georgia remembers all the words. We are all singing, dancing, reading and talking to the egg everyday.

Jonathan found these rocks at kindy. He said the white one looked just the same shape as the egg. The rock wasn't very heavy. He put the rock in the basket with the egg. Everyone got to feel how heavy the egg and the rock are. He predicts that a bird is going to hatch out of the egg.



The reading egg went to lots of kindys in our community.

The reading egg visited our kindy 3 times. We measured and weighed the egg and each time it had grown and traced it to see how much it changed.

We also made predictions about what might be in the egg and made a book together called What's in the egg? Here are a few pages from our book.





Then a few weeks later Parker brought the reading egg back to the Town Hall and the whole community was invited to the 'hatching'.

The egg had grown even more!

Then egg hatched and we met

**Lizzie the Literacy Lizard.**



Lizzie is our literacy mascot who will be promoting reading, writing, talking, singing and rhyming in our community.



The children were all very excited to see Lizzie and hear about the hatching if they could not come. We then did a modelled drawing from the artventure website of a lizard and captioned our work as we've been doing lots of writing at kindy. Here are a few examples.

