***The Adventures of Choco***

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Hi my name is Choco . I am about to tell you about my life so far. I was a little dot inside my egg before my mammy laid me. A dot is called an embryo. My mammy sat on me to keep me warm. It is called brooding. But one day as my mother was sitting on me I heard Ms. Seery coming in, she kneeled down and tried to take one of the eggs but my mother pecked her on the hand . She said ‘’OUCH!’’ and stood up.’’ Naughty hen’’ she said as she shooed her out of the barn. Then Ms. Seery picked me up and put me in a box but it had straw in it. I was very sad, upset, confused and frightened but then I heard her say ‘’It’s all right little eggs you’ll be fine’’. So I started to get a bit curious and adventurous and wondered where I was going. After about 25mins the Jeep stopped Ms. Seery picked up the box that I was in and walked into Kilcleagh N.S. I could hear lots of noise but then she closed the door and it went quiet, she walked over to a table and lifted me very carefully into an incubator it was warm like my mother. I knew I would be safe there. When it was Tuesday I hatched out. I was alone at first [ or so I thought so]but then three other chicks came over but I was so tired I fell asleep before they said hello. After a while lots of noise woke me up I looked out ……………… and I saw huge children! I was terrified but then I saw the other chicks going over [ clearly loving the attention]so I went over too………..and guess what ? they were smiling at me even though I was different ! all the other chicks were yellow and I was a yellowy brown. Two days after that I was put into a box with a ball and straw and two other chicks were too! I have been here since Friday and hopefully be able to find my mother when me and brothers and sisters go home. So that’s my story [so far!]