

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: September 19<sup>th</sup> 2016

A warm welcome to all the new children! The staff in the Hive are all busy settling the children and this is the focus of our planning for the first three weeks of nursery. It is important that each child builds a warming and trusting relationship with their key person, some children take longer to settle than others and it is important that we are patient with these children. The children are beginning to recognise their key person as a secure base from where they can explore the nursery. This will help build their confidence to become more independent.

The staff are spending time playing with the children and introducing the new nursery routine. They are already listening to the music cues which prompt them to tidy up and go to their family areas. They are learning to find where their family group is and what their family creature is. They are exploring their special boxes, finding out where to hang their coats and put their shoes etc.

The children are participating in a short family time at the beginning and end of nursery. They are learning the hello and goodbye song and the names of all the children in their group. They are learning new songs and listening to a short special story. Listening to a story in a group is a new experience for many children.

Each half term the children will be introduced to a new core value. Values are caught by children as much as they are taught and the staff aim to set a good example to children. Our core value this term is caring: caring for each other, caring for the environment, and caring for the world around us.

The children are interested in spiders and will be spider detectives this week!

**Allotment:** Lisa is responsible for the allotment. As the children continue to settle she will spend more time with the children in the allotment. At the moment the ground needs preparing for winter and the soil dug and turned. The pumpkins are growing in readiness for the autumn!

The children will be planting bulbs in readiness for spring!

**Forest School:** some groups have started their forest school adventures. This week the children have been exploring the forest and finding out what it looks like. They have been challenging themselves in the adventure park, making potions and have met Chesney Huffington our baby dragon. They have made a giant web and two spiders and have enjoyed singing Incy Wincy Spider and putting him down the guttering.

## What can you do at home to support your child's learning?

Please share your child's special interests with your key person. The children are already showing us their special interests and this helps us support their learning. Next week there will be a super hero area in the nursery and an enhancement about spiders. You could go on a spider hunt with your child. Remember 'hurt no living thing!'