

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: October 10th 2016

Spiders, spiders everywhere! The children continue to hunt for spiders across the nursery, in the garden and the forest. They have made people sized webs in the garden and made webs for spiders in the creative studio. The children have found out that spiders do not like conkers and have placed conkers around the nursery to see what happens. They are using fact sheets, 1 Pads and nonfiction books to find out more about spiders and identify the different variety of spiders. There are some great spider songs and rhymes which the children will be learning at family time. The children will be making spiders to sit in the spider's web.

The children have been collecting leaves and we are going to use them in the creative studio for leaf glitter and leaf rubbing. The children have shown an interest in the different leaf colours and Ellen has explored the reasons why they change colour. The children are enjoying learning to paint mix developing their artistic skills by mixing their own colours in paint pallets using the prime colours. There are nonfiction books about autumn around the nursery and the children will be able to explore the autumn resources in the investigation area. They will be able to look at details at leaves on the light box and find out the names for all the exciting things which are found in the autumn. The children will be able to sort, count and classify conkers, acorns and fir cones.

Outside in the garden the mud kitchen is a busy area. The children are making mixtures and potions and using the four different weights to weigh stones and other resources.

There is a rhythm and rhyme bag and the children are singing nursery rhymes and using jingle sticks to tap out rhymes. The children are mark making with big chalks.

Allotment: The children continue to search for spiders in the allotment and are using the fact finding sheets to identify the different ones finding lots of different species. The shed and the greenhouse are great places to find huge webs!

The children are tidying the allotment and preparing the soil for the winter planting.

Forest School: The children have had movies, storytelling and music less disco in the forest using the jumping platforms as a stage. Ruby was fascinated by butterflies and became a super finder of them. We saw Speckled Woods, a Cabbage White and a Red Admirable. Hannah found some tree sap and explored it and we are going to be making our own tree sap and amber using orange jelly to trap nature finds and sticky backed plastic. Sue is wearing amber jewellery this week for the children to notice and talk about

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

There have been many creature sightings in the forest, including a frog called 'Boy', slow worms, a squirrel, common lizards, spiders, magpies, meadow ants and slugs and snails. What creatures can you spot when you are out walking? Can you identify them? Find out with your child. We would love to hear what you have seen!