

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: November 7th 2016

Thank you for supporting the children with the Pumpkin Days last week. The children enjoyed all the learning which took place over the week; we have never had so many pumpkins in the nursery! The children produced some great observational pumpkin paintings and drawings, this week the children will be observing the changes in the pumpkins as they start to soften and rot. They will be able to look carefully at the changes to the pumpkins and paint what they see. Sue made a lit pumpkin trail in the dark which the children followed and then finished with drinking hot chocolate. The children have been cooking lots of lovely recipes with pumpkin's and this week the children will be cooking with apples.

Outside, the children have been playing 10 green bottles with numbered bottles. The children have played tin can alley with the numbered giant tins. They had great fun trying to match the number of bean bags thrown inside. A garden story sack has been played with in the boat in the sand pit. It is the story of 'Who Sank the Boat?' and the children pretend to be a donkey, a sheep, a pig, a cow or a mouse. The children wanted to have the story over and over again and played different games. The children have been collecting leaves and flowers to make necklaces and tree glitter. They collected and bought in beautiful green and purple leaves from the allotment to explore in the creative area. They have also collected tiny crab apples to use in the mud kitchen and Charlie labelled it by himself.

The author of the month is Sarah Hayes. Please take time to share the display with your child which is in the entrance on the green board.

The children are enjoying taking their library books home. They are very keen to keep their books: A plea from Elaine who asks that you remind your child to bring their library book back so it can be changed. The children are enjoying their library times with Elaine.

Allotment: the sweetcorn and the brussel sprouts are nearly ready to pick and once picked the children will cook them. It is time to plant onions and garlic and the children will be helping Lisa plant them.

The children are using the rakes to rake the leaves in the allotment.

Forest school the stories of Evermore Dragon and Rain continue to be popular, seeing a page that is apparently upside down (even to grownups) has led to the exploration of reflections in the puddles. The children continue to enjoy the train swing in the forest and have been learning the runaway train song. Several children understand that the sheet with train pictures on has the words to the song and have been interested in what it says. They have observed the grown - ups using the song sheet and are reaching an understanding that print carries meaning.

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

Go out and collect different coloured leaves with your child, make leaf glitter pictures or make a leaf rubbing.