

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: November 28th 2016

The investigation area has been very busy this week and the children have started to make their own books and write their own stories. Elaine has been scribing for the children and they are finding out what an author/ principle characters/ story setting and illustrator is. Charlie was amazed when he found he was an author. New resources have been added to the mark making and fix it trolley to extend the children's learning. They will be able to make books using staplers, treasury tags and the hole punch and string. The children have been making princess puppets in the princess area and the boys have requested some boy resources in this area which will be put in this week.

The children are still enjoying using silver foil to make sculptures and this week we are going to add large rolls of strong foil to the creative studio. High level resources have been put in the water area and the children have been exploring pipets, syringes and large basters. This week the children will be exploring sand in miniature. The children have loved bathing babies in the home area and reading baby stories upstairs in the bedroom. They are started to extending the learning by making picnics in the garden area by the house and using natural resources.as food.

Technology is to be a focus this week and the children will be learning how to operate a microwave, make popcorn in the popcorn maker, play musical games using the IPAD and operate the remote control cars. There will be a numbered track in the block area for the children to drive the cars and a podium for first, second and third! The children will be using laptops and IPADS to retrieve information. They will research owls in the mark making area

The author of the month is Jez Alborough who has written books such as 'This is the Bear' and 'Some Dogs Do' please share the display with your child in the entrance.

The children have been hunting for numbers in the garden and are beginning to write numbers. Number games will be in the nursery this week.

Allotment: The children and Lisa have been busy clearing the allotment before the ground becomes too cold. There is no time to rest. There is just enough daylight to clear and tidy up the allotment of any old crops in preparation for next year. It is important we don't leave the remains of summer crops to rot and harbour overwintering pests and diseases. The clear, crisp, sunny day is great weather to tidy. The children work hard and it is a great way to exercise with a hot chocolate to finish with.

Forest School: The children have made the most of Storm Angus and they made their own kites out of nappy sacks and string! The children have been problem solving and thinking of machines they could use to get the leaves off the top of the shelter they suggested 'a rocket with a big claw' or 'a crane with a shooter' the children are looking after our mini beasts and taking care we don't hurt them when we lift the logs to find them.

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

Talk about the author, illustrator principle characters/ story setting, when you are reading your child a story. The author of the month is Jez Alborough. Come and share the display with the children in the foyer.