

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: December 5th 2016

Christmas is a magical time in the nursery. Our magical Elf who the children have voted to name Jingle is a real character and the children are enjoying finding out what he has been up to each night when they are not in nursery.

There has been an explosion of arts in and out of nursery. Inside the children have been sculpturing with foil showing very sophisticated ideas, strategies, techniques, processes and stories of their creation journeys. We will be making a book of artists and their work and there will be visitors to our mobile gallery and display in the foyer. There are plans to exhibit further afield once the artists have been interviewed and photos collected. Outside the open air stage has been used for music making and performing. The addition of a beer barrel has opened up new avenues for the children. We now have two posters up advertising shows. One is blank for upcoming events!

In the mark making area the children are making Christmas cards. They are learning to write their name independently and once the card is made can find an envelope to put their card, finding the right sized envelope can be a challenge! There are resources available for the children to make their own envelopes. The dough area has Christmas resources in it. The dough will smell of Christmas such as cinnamon spices and orange.. They are singing their favourite Christmas songs at family time and are reading lots of Christmas stories. The nativity role play will be put up once they have heard the Christmas story

At family time the children have special Christmas boxes to explore. There are lots of exciting Christmas activities to encourage discussion and extend the children's thinking.

The children have been engaged in pet protecting, making sure our living things are cared for and loved. Zachary mentioned that our stick insect must be lonely being on his own now his friends have gone. We were a bit sad about this and Sue explained that we are trying to get the eggs to hatch that were collected from the tank but without luck so far. We are thinking of ways to help the stick insect.

Allotment: the children have planted all the winter seeds in the allotment. The allotment is tidy and is ready for the cold winter weather

The children have been making Christmas wreaths in the allotment using natural resources. They will be making large ones to hang in the allotment

Forest School: The Owls and Foxes all had a turn at making sparks for a fire with Dawn. Hugo was very appreciative and said 'This is the best day of my life'. The children talked about the sparks and how fires are made.

They found a new swing branch in the forest and a new climbing tree with a pallet ladder.

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

Please come and share the Christmas Celebrations in the forest with your child. Sue and Dawn have got some exciting Christmas forest activities for you to share with your child. Please ask your key person or the office which is your special forest day