

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 09.01.2017

The children have settled back happily to nursery and are enjoying learning about winter. Exploring ice is a massive interest. On icy days the children are hunting for ice in the garden with their key person. The children are finding ice in the water tray and are amazed how quickly it melts. They are thinking about where ice comes from and why it melts! There are hidden objects in the ice and the children are finding ways to retrieve the hidden objects. They are learning all about the properties of ice and how it changes. This week the children will be able to make their own ice in different sized containers. There are information books about ice for the children to share with an adult.

The children have been experimenting with silver foil to make boats to put in the water tray. Molly made a foil boat with a sail and put it in the water and it floated! This week silver foil will be added to the water area. The children have also been using foil to make jewellery!

The children are very keen to use the lap to research winter or things that are of a special interest to them such as bats and mermaids! Charlotte has been making books on the lap top with the children. The children are very excited to be an author just like Nick Sharratt. They are sharing their books with special adults and they are putting a copy of their own book in the library to share with their friends.

The children have been very concerned about birds being hungry in the winter because they can't find food in the hard ground. They have made a bird hide outside with Rachael and are using information books to find out how many different birds we can find in our garden. This week they will have clipboards in the hide and record the different birds they spot in the garden. The children have been making fat ball for the birds to eat and using reclaimed containers to make bird feeding stations. This week they will be making bird feeders using toilet rolls, honey and bird seed. The children will be recording their learning on the learning display in the Investigation area.

The children are thoroughly enjoying listening to Nick Sharratt stories, he is a real favourite and the children are asking to listen to his stories again and again. 'Shark in the Park' and 'Don't Put Your Finger in the Jelly Nelly' are the most popular this week!

Allotment: the children will be tidying out the garden shed this week and cleaning the tools they have been using.

As the ground is so cold they will be helping to make bird feeders from reclaimed resources. They will be hanging them in the tress around the allotment to ensure the birds don't go hungry

Forest School: the children are taking down the old shelter they made with Dawn and Sue. They will be building a bird hide instead. Some children have already started to look at information books about birds and started to identify the different ones they see in the forest. They have been looking at the different foot prints they have found on the ground and are identifying who they belong to.

Don't forget to bring in your old Christmas trees so the children can use them to make pot pourri!

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

Can you make a bird feeder with your child? All you need is the inside of a toilet roll, honey and bird seed. Cover the outside of the toilet roll in honey and roll in bird seed. Allow it to dry and harden. Then hang it outside for the birds to eat. The birds love it. If you haven't got anywhere to hang it we would love to put it in our garden!