

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 30.01.2017

Our author of the month is Julia Donaldson who has written books such as The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom, she is a popular author and the children really enjoy her books. Please share the display with your child in the entrance and corridor. We also have a new core book in the book area: Handa's Surprise which is a lovely story about a young girl who fills her basket with seven pieces of fruit to take to her friend who lives in another village but the fruit is taken by a series of sneaky animals. If you would like a copy of the book please ask Elaine or your child's keyperson

In the mark making area the children will be making their own alphabet using their photographs. They are thinking about the shape and sound of the first letter of their name. Lots of children are interested in writing their own name as well as looking at words they use frequently. These will also be available in the mark making area. The children are excited about sharing the different shop and café logos with their friends and are enjoying reading them. New logos will be added this week. Can you spot them with your child when you are out and about?

The children continue to experiment with paint in the creative studio and are discussing the shades of colour; adding white has enhanced children's learning and they are exploring how to change and blend colours. They are using the swatches (colour cards) to support their thinking about colour shades. Stacy has been encouraging children to think about dark and light. The children continue to extend their modelling skills and are making some intricate models from clay using the fine tools

The children continue to show an interest in Paw Patrol who fixes things. The children will have a 'Fix It' trolley in the Investigation area and be using materials to join and connect. It is Chinese New Year and the children will be finding out Chinese celebrations and tasting Chinese food. It is the year of the Rooster. They will be learning the Chinese song 'Gong Hey Fat Choy' - Happy New Year!

**Allotment:** Lisa has been planting with children. The children are having exciting discussions about growth and have been researching the life cycle of a plant.

They have been comparing different sized seeds and what seeds grow into. This has been linked to cooking different vegetables inside.

**Forest School:** Children continue to be fascinated with ice. Some children have spotted some tree sap in the forest and as spring approaches Sue will be exploring this further and find her amber jewellery to show the children. Children continue to explore hand warmers and the children have been thinking what is inside them, some children think there is a coin and water inside! The Little Acorns have been using a hoop to teach them how to stay safe around the fire circle

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

Share a Julia Donaldson book with your child. You are welcome to borrow one from our library.