

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 13.02.2017

The children are really enjoying the story of Handa's Surprise and the children's interest in fruit has grown. They enjoyed Orange Day in nursery so much so that Isabella has asked for a Pear Day this week!! They are learning number songs linked to fruit, singing Five Juicy Oranges in the Fruit Shop and 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Round Oranges. They are learning to estimate numbers and to count objects one at a time. Karen isn't very good at counting oranges and the children have been helping her! We have a Community Corner in nursery where the children and staff all meet together to celebrate what the children are learning and their birthdays! Staff and children enjoy their special time in the Community Corner. Thank you Elissa for making a lovely woodland cake and crown for the children to wear on their special day and writing the children's names on the birthday board every week!

Our P4C (Philosophy for Children) question this week is: 'If you were a fruit what would you be?' The staff will be recording the children's thoughts and adding them to the Handa's Surprise display.

Sue has been teaching the children the 'Living Things Haka'. The children's Haka faces are quite scary and they are learning the Makaton signs and some interpretive dancing.

In the mark making area the children are continuing to learn to find the first letter of their name and making their own alphabet using their own pictures. This week they will be thinking about special people in their lives and making valentine cards for them.

Charlotte will be teaching the children how to make their own dough. They will be listening to the instructions on the talking tins and mixing the ingredients to make their own dough.

The children have painted some incredible pictures of fruits. They have looked carefully at the fruits and mixed the colours independently and used the fine paint brushes to create some amazing works of art. This week we are beginning to think about ways to add texture to paint.

Garden and Allotment: we are continuing to build on the children's love of puddles. The children are thinking of ways to cross the puddles and building bridges so they can cross the puddles without getting wet.

We continue to care for the birds in our garden and, Sue has made us lots of identification sheets, and the children are searching the garden for birds.

The story of 'More' will be explored in the garden and the props will be used to look for nests.

In the allotment the children will be cleaning the tools with Lisa using sand paper and nylon scourers

Forest School: we have been exploring 'more and less' through the book 'More' which is about a Magpie who collects/ steals lots of things until the nest is so full it snaps a branch. A mouse helps to clear the nest apart from three very special things. Sonny, Noah, Logan and Harrison have been helping build a story sack. We have been thinking about why the magpie steals and whether this is a kind thing to do. We have made scrambled snake on toast as a result of reading the story of the Gruffalo. Don't worry scrambled snake is really scrambled eggs! We have been making gingerbread and estimating the quantities as we don't have scales in the forest. The children are learning cooking vocabulary, maths and taking turns and are being trusted to break the eggs!

What can you do at home to support your child's learning? P4C question 'If you were a fruit what would you be?' Why? Ask your child the same question. Remember there is no right or wrong answer!

Please bring a pear to nursery either Tuesday or Wednesday!