

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 24th April 2017

Welcome back and we hope you all had a very happy Easter. It is hard to believe that we are starting the summer term. The garden is looking beautiful with the spring blossom on the trees. The children are busy collecting it and using it to make potions and perfumes in the mud kitchen. There are pictures and books about Spring in the mark making area for the children to share with adults. Staff will be taking their children out at family time and reading stories under the blossom trees. Children will be able to paint blossom pictures in the creative studio.

The chick eggs arrive on Monday as only one chick hatched last time. We are hoping to have more chicks this time. The children will be observing them and researching the life cycle of a chick using non fiction books and the laptop/ iPad. The tadpoles have now grown their back legs so some children will be taking them back to the pond at Bedenham so they can continue to grow in the right environment. We will be celebrating the life cycle of a tadpole this week.

Our author of the month is Eric Carle and the children will be sharing his books this week. From the Hungry Caterpillar has grown a strong interest in butterflies and the children are asking lots of how and why questions so this will be an area of research this week.

There is a strong interest in the hairdressers and the children have helped to set up a hairdressers role play in Amanda's family area. The children found some beads in the creative studio and have enjoyed making necklaces with them. Coloured pasta will be available to the children to design and make their own necklaces.

At family time the staff will be focussing on Letters and Sounds with the children to further develop their speaking and listening skills which lays the foundations for the phonic work which starts at Phase 2 in school. The focus will be on rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and voice sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

Garden and Allotment. The children have been busy working in the allotment with Lisa as Spring is the time to plant seeds and also transplant the seeds which have grown in the greenhouse.

The children have been exploring the loose parts resources in the garden and have been making different constructions including large ball runs. Pipes and guttering will added to the block area for children to design their own ball runs. Smaller ball runs will be available for the children to build with There is a strong interest in footballs and the orchard area is to be the football area. New balls have been purchased

Forest School: We are very excited as Juniper Lodge is now complete and Sue and Dawn have been busy moving in.

They will be taking groups of children to the forest to see Juniper Lodge

Don't forget that there will be a grand opening of Juniper Lodge on Saturday May 6th from 10.00 -12.00. Sue and Dawn are busy getting ready!

What can you do at home to support your child? The children are playing board games in the nursery. Children love games such as snap, dominoes and lotto. Children love playing games with an adult or a sibling!