

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning:  
22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

The children have been demonstrating real acts of kindness. Brodie looked after Elissa Mae after she fell and hurt her foot. He spoke gently to her and came and found an adult to help her and stayed with her until he was sure she was better. Billy learned the importance of 'hurt no living thing' when in the forest and built a special snail house to keep mummy and baby snail safe. Layla showed the new children around the forest and ensured they felt safe in this new environment. This week will be kindness week in the nursery and we will be looking for acts of kindness from children and adults.

The children continue to make ball runs in the loose parts area and these runs are getting very complex and the children have been interested in building the smaller run inside. This week they will be using card tubes to design their own ball run.

Jane will continue as our Artist In Residence working with clay with the children and will be teaching them a variety of techniques, the children are learning how to join clay together using 'slip' and are working the clay to make sculptures. Stacy is busy in the Creative Studio supporting the children's learning with observational paintings and drawings using paint and charcoal made in the forest. A still life area of yellow is displayed as a provocation for the children. The artist this month is Renoir and the children are learning about his work. The new weaving area is busy and the children are creating patterns using wool and ribbon across the trellis.

The role play area is changing this week as the children have been talking about doctors and hospitals and they will be able to build a hospital role play area. There will be non fiction books for the children to refer to and find out what happens in a hospital and at the doctors. The children will be icing biscuits and decorating them with raisins whilst counting out small groups of numbers.

**Garden and Allotment:** The children are having snack under the trees in the garden. They are showing a real understanding that they have to wear hats in the sun and drink lots of water. The mud kitchen is popular and menus and recipe books have been made using children's character interests. They are blank so the children can fill in their own menus and prices. These opportunities enable children to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Tongs, garlic presses, spoons and other interesting utensils have been added so that the children can re-enact cooking they see at home, explore techniques, enhance physical development and vocabulary

**Forest School** Elisha, Ellie, Layla and Sophie have revisited the fairy village again and played with the props. The fairies are going to leave something new in the village this week! The children made charcoal on the camp fire and had a vote for what they want to make on the camp fire this week. The choice was pancakes, popcorn and gingerbread. The most popular was pancakes so Dawn will be cooking pancakes, a firm favourite! Ronnie climbed so far up a tree Sue and Dawn moved the marker up the tree but not quite as far as he almost fell out. The children learned that the branches get thinner as they get further away. Eleanor made a bug hotel from the lengths of wood in the forest.

**What can you do at home to support your child?** Share a book day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - 9.00am or 1.00pm. Please come and read a book with your child in the nursery