

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning:
19th June 2017

The children have been busy writing shopping lists in their family groups and have been thinking about what ingredients are needed to make a chocolate cake: flour, eggs, sugar, butter and cocoa. They have made their own cake and been weighing and counting out what they need using tablespoons. This has all grown from the story of Grandad Pots and the children have been talking to Elaine about the story and telling her what they needed to make a chocolate cake! This week they will be thinking about other cakes they can make and will vote in their family group to decide which one they will cook. The children will write a list in a number sequence (1. flour 2. sugar. 3 eggs. 4. butter 5. cocoa) and be thinking about why and when we have cakes. They will be looking at different pictures of cakes. The children will also be taking about hygiene and the importance of washing our hands.

The children are also very interested in world maps and globes. They have been discussing their holidays and where family members live. This week they will use the maps to create their own adventures and writing their ideas on large pieces of paper on the floor.

Our Artist in Residence, Jane Wardner, has started to make a large communal pot with the children and the children are working together collaboratively on a large scale. The children are focusing on the colour green and exploring texture.

The children have been thinking about fruits we have in the summer and have been tasting the strawberries in the allotment. They have been making their own fruit ice lollies using a lolly stick in a yoghurt cup. This week they will have an ice lolly making station in the garden.

Our Sports Fun Day is this Wednesday: 11.15am or 1.15pm. Everyone welcome

Garden and Allotment: Strawberries are growing in the allotment and the children have been loving them! Have you been strawberry picking with your child? It's great fun!

Sports games in the garden are proving very popular and the children are using the whistles to play games. These games are great for impulsive behaviour and school readiness.

Lisa and Ellen have starting a fence building project with the children. The children are using hammers and nails to make their own fence they're really enjoying it and stretching their interests in building.

Forest School: The children have been looking at all the different flowers in the forest and been thinking about what makes up a flower. This week the children will look at information books about flowers to find out more about them.

They have also been learning how to use the various equipment properly, such as how to use a magnifying glass.

The children have been exploring the newly made Horseshoe Hill. They have been of doing lots problem solving such as how to get across the middle using planks of wood.

What can you do at home to support your child? Make your own ice lollies with your child. All you need is fruit juice, yoghurt pot and a lolly stick. Children are very interested in watching them change. This is science!