

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning:  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

The children are enjoying our new core book Don't put your Finger in the Jelly Nelly and this has led to lots of fun rhyming in the nursery. The children have been challenged to learn a new rhyme in their family group to share with the rest of the children on celebration day. The children are thinking about things which rhyme with their name. They have thought of lots words which rhyme with Jane such as train and plane and for those more tricky names, they have made up their own words which has caused lots of hilarity. Children love silly fun rhymes and were very amused at 'Don't put your finger in the shake Jake which both Jake's in nursery found very amusing. Jake N made up a rhyme for Mya - 'Don't put your finger in the fire Mya!'

The interest in bees continues and children are carefully looking after bees. They have been making honey sandwiches which have supported their interest in bees. They have explored honeycomb asking questions about what it actually is and cutting into cubes to eat at the end. The children are exploring the bee table in the lodge.

The children also continue to be interested in ants and are waiting to build an ant farm of their own so they can observe them more closely. There is a colony of Meadow ants in the forest which are more friendly and don't bite Sue as much!

The butterfly feeder has been replenished with left over fruit and the children have had lots of fun noticing different types fluttering around. They squeal with delight when they see them

Gino found the big bottles outside in the garden and has been singing ten green bottles with the children. The new climbing frame has been installed and the children will be able to use it this week. They will be going out in groups at family time to remind them of the rules!

**Garden and Allotment:** The children have been making bubble blowers from woven grass in the forest using left over washing up liquid and water to make a bubble solution. They had fun making the wands, blowing bubbles and chasing them. They blew them up into the air and watched as the shapes changed and they floated up towards the sky. They will be making them in the garden this week. The children found a beetle in the sand pit and are trying to find out what it is, Josh and Caleb were concerned as it looked quite weak and wondered why.

The children have been harvesting onions and will be cooking with them this week.

**Forest School:** the children have swapped the adventure area, the fairy area and story area around. They have been enhancing as they go making dream catchers, decorating fairy homes and trying out the new adventure area. The new Tarzan rope is proving very popular. There have been two visitors to the forest this week.. a slow worm and a Common Club dragon fly. The children researched why the slow worm is so called because they are often quite quick. It comes from an old English Slay because in old times folk used to think they were serpents/snakes and said they were slay (ers).

***What can you do at home to support your child? Think of words which rhyme with the names of your family members – make up fun words.***