

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: July 17th 2017

It is hard to believe that this is the last time I will be sharing the planning with many of you. I do hope you have enjoyed reading it each week. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning with your child and it has been a magical journey of learning together. Much of the learning has come from the children's interests and our early years practitioners have enjoyed researching their enquiries with them.

The learning this year has been joyful for the both the children and practitioners. They have worked hand in hand to take their learning to even higher levels. We truly hope that each child will take the experiences, knowledge and skills they have mastered at Haven into school with a brain that is wired and ready to absorb lots of new exciting learning and most importantly with a strong and moral disposition for learning. Dispositions are habits of mind which we have encouraged the children to grow at Haven: dispositions such as being curious, resourceful, communicative, cooperative, purposeful, persistence, risk taking and courageous. These dispositions will help our children become life long learners.

Our forest school has continued to grow with the addition of Juniper Lodge and the children's experiences have been extended with this exciting new room. The ethos of the forest has been extended to the inside and the introduction of our Artist in Residence has enabled creativity to be taken to new heights.

Thank you for all your support.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire"

William Butler Yeats

Allotment the children are still caring for the vegetables and fruits left in the allotment. In this dry weather they still need lots of watering. The pumpkins are starting to grow in readiness for the autumn. The fruits will be ready for picking soon.

Thank you to the children for helping Lisa with the allotment and taking such good care of it.

Forest School: we hope the children have enjoyed their forest school experiences this year. The aim of the forest school is to develop children's independence, self esteem, social skills, team work and dispositions for learning. The children have faced many exciting challenges in the forest this year and through their first hand experiences have begun to try out their theories about the natural world. Don't forget the forest school principles!!

What can you do at home to support your child's learning?

The children have grown to love books this year and we hope that this will continue. Please look at the posters on the doors about the activities happening at your local library throughout the summer. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the local library... and it doesn't cost anything!

Don't forget to explore the local area, summer walks in the woods and on the beach!