

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: October 9th 2017

The children are growing in confidence as they learn about their nursery. The resources are available and accessible to the children all the time. The tables are clear at the beginning of each session but all resources are clearly labelled for the children so they know where to find the resources they need. This means the children are in control of their learning and the staff will join them to research with them and build their skills.

There is still a strong interest in vehicles. Austin and his friends are learning about the different types of transport and Elaine has added pictures of boats we see in the local area and the children have been looking at them and talking about them. They have been building and designing their own boats in the block area and using the loose parts resources in the garden to build even bigger boats

The children have been spending time on the allotment digging up the potatoes and pumpkins with Lisa. They have brought the produce into the nursery washing and scrubbing the potatoes clean before cutting them up and cooking them. They have seasoned them and cooked them in a large pan and thoroughly enjoyed eating their own home grown produce! This week the children will be looking at different recipes for pumpkins and cooking with them. They will be sharing the story 'Pumpkin Soup' with Lisa and making their own soup! The children have been exploring pumpkins in the creative studio, painting some amazing pumpkin pictures mixing their own colour paints independently. They have learned how to make orange!

Elaine has been sharing stories with the children in the library using puppets and the children have been designing puppets and using the puppet theatre to tell stories to their friends.

The composer of the month is Vivaldi and the children have been listening to The Four Seasons and Gloria in the mark making area with Ellen. This area has been enhanced with musical notes and the children have been looking at sheet music and composing their own songs!

Garden: the children have been using the spider spotter sheets to identify the many different species of spiders in the garden. They have found the best place to find spiders is in our potting shed and Stacey has been taking the children on a spider hunt!

The children have been taking the clipboards and looking at the spiders carefully and drawing what they see. Lots of research about spiders is taking place!

Forest School: the children have started their forest school journey and there is lots of exciting learning happening in every session and this is shared with you through the Woodland Whisperer which will be sent out each week so you can see the rich learning taking place in the forest. Each family group have been going to the forest with Sue and their key person. If you have any questions about the forest Sue is on the door every Tuesday so come and talk to her!

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

The children are enjoying listening to stories with their friends at family time and in the library with Elaine. Share a story at different times of the day with your child. If they have a favourite story do let us know and we can share it too!