

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

The author of the month is Julia Donaldson which is a firm favourite with the children. The children are being taken to the book area and are finding out about the different books written by her. They are learning that she is the author and looking at the illustrations and print in the book. Staff are teaching children about the front and back of a book, what the blurb is and where the spine is. Most importantly the children are learning how to care for books and how to look after them.

The children are very interested in numbers and have been singing number songs such as '4 pumpkins in the grocers shop' and '7 red apples in the fruit shop' They are learning to count groups of numbers and beginning to represent numbers using their fingers. They are learning when to start counting and how to check that they have counted correctly. This week the children will be finding out that anything can be counted including their snack!

The children are very interested in looking after the birds in the forest and the garden. They will be making bird feeders to hang in the tree and thinking about what birds like to eat. There are bird spotter sheets in the garden and the children will be looking for the different birds in our garden.

The children have been talking about fireworks and the children have been creating firework pictures with Stacy using pastels on block paper. This week they will be extending this using marble painting and blow painting.

We are very excited this week as we have an Artist in Residence coming to work with the staff and the children. Kate Woodley Smith will be her on Wednesday morning and work with the children and staff in the creative studio!

**Garden:** as the children have been listening to stories outside in the forest this will be a focus in the garden this week and staff will be reading stories to the children. They will be learning about what clothes need to be worn in the cold weather and thinking about the changes such as the darker evenings.

Lisa will be in the allotment this week with the children teaching them allotment safety rules.

**Forest School:** the children have been lighting fires with Dawn in the forest this week and learning the fire safety rules. This week they will be lighting fires again and cooking popcorn over the open fire.

They have been listening to stories in the forest and are enjoying the story of Stickman and the Wild book.

**What can you do at home to support your child's learning?** Play counting games with your child at home or outside. Count steps, jumps, claps or count objects around the house. Ask your child how to check they have counted correctly?