## What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: Dec 11th 2017

The staff and children are enjoying the Christmas activities. Thank you to Ellen who has made a Christmas play list with a mix of Christmas music. The staff are sharing lots of different Christmas stories with the children. Please stay for a few minutes and share a Christmas story with your child this Wednesday at 9.00 am or 1.00 pm.

At family time the children are having special Christmas box activities which support their communication and language development. They are playing Christmas memory games, feely games and spending time looking at special Christmas resources. The children are meeting every day to countdown to Christmas. They are learning to recognise small numbers and big numbers up to 24 and they know that this is when Santa comes! Jingles the elf is visiting every family area. They are learning Christmas songs and the rhymes in our pockets are Christmas rhymes. Do take one home to sing with your child!

The children will be learning how to use sellotape this week as well as how to use scissors. The children will be wrapping presents in the fix it area and will be writing labels for their presents.

The children are looking at Christmas cards and making their own cards as well as their own envelopes. They can then post or deliver their letters once written. Please post your Christmas cards in the post box in the entrance. Don't forget to send a stamped addressed envelope for your child to write a letter and post it in the post box!

The children have been listening to the Christmas story. They have looked at different pictures of the Christmas story and will be learning songs about it.

**Garden:** The children have been wrapping presents outside and putting them in sacks and using the pulley to pull them around the garden. Children love to pretend to be Santa.

The children are burning garden waste in Lisa's brazier. They have been busy clearing the allotment using rakes and spades.

Forest School: thank you to Sue and Dawn for all their hard work in arranging the Christmas celebrations in the forest. We hope you enjoyed the experience and didn't get too muddy!

The last celebration takes place today.

What can you do at home to support your child's learning? Snuggle up on the sofa and read a Christmas story with your child