

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: Dec 18th 2017

The staff and children are enjoying the Christmas activities. The wrapping station in the fix it area has been very popular this week and the children have been learning how to wrap presents. They have been learning how to use sellotape and the sellotape dispenser as well as how to use scissors. The children are writing labels for their presents and either taking them home or delivering them in nursery. If you child comes home with a wrapped box you will know why!

The children have been walking to the post-box and delivering letters to their houses. They have learned about stamps and why we put them on letters, their address and the postman!

The children have been listening to the Christmas story and using pictures to sequence the story. They have looked at different pictures of the Christmas story and sung songs linked to the story The children are learning lots of songs about Christmas such as "We wish you a Merry Christmas", "Five Jolly Snowmen", "Here we go round the Christmas tree" and "When Santa got stuck up the chimney". There are lots of different Christmas stories in nursery and the staff have been sharing them with the children.

Cooking is proving to be very popular and the children have been busy making their own individual mince pies. They have rolled out the pastry and cut out their own pastry using cutters. Children love to cook and there is lots of learning taking place.

Don't forget party day is this Tuesday! Santa is coming!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2018

**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 birds have been looking for food in this frosty cold weather and the children continue to keep the bird feeders topped up.

**Forest School:** The children have enjoyed their time in the forest and are learning to cope with this wet and windy weather. We have purchased new outdoor wet weather clothing which should help keep them warm.

This week groups will continue to be out in the forest and then the forest will have a rest over Christmas to have time to recover!

**What can you do at home to support your child's learning?** Cook something for Christmas with your child. Such as a mince pie – if you can't make pastry it is cheap to buy!

There are some great simple Christmas recipes on the website – choose one with your child!