

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 08.01.2018

A Happy New Year to you all. We are looking forward to the new spring term and all the exciting learning which will be taking place.

Higher level resources have been added to different areas of the nursery. The children have been exploring the properties of water and transparent tubes, connectors, test tubes, pipettes and food colouring are available for the children to explore and experiment with. The younger children have been watching the older children using these resources and listening to the language they are using. Lots of great learning taking place!

Resources have been added to the Fix It trolley and the children have been learning how to connect different materials. They are learning how to use split pins, staplers, string, treasury tags and finding out how to cut holes using a hole punch. Next week a work bench will be available for the children to use.

Sue has been extending the children's learning in the garden. The children have been racing on the bikes and Sue has been encouraging them to think about winning races. They have built different sized podiums using the crates and have been thinking about positional language: first, second and third and giving each other a cup and shaking hands! This week they are going to be making medals and certificates to give to each other.

The author of the month is Nick Sharratt who is very popular with the children. We thought it would be good to have funny stories to cheer us up in January. Nick Sharratt is a favourite author with the children. Look at our display in the entrance to see which books he has written.

**Garden:** outside the children will be learning about birds and how to look after them in the winter. They will be making binoculars to observe the birds and using observation sheets to identify birds. They will be able to make bird feeders from reclaimed materials and ensure the birds are fed daily.

**Forest School:** the children will be spending longer periods of time in Juniper Lodge as the learning deepens and the weather becomes colder and the forest is rested.

Children will be starting their forest sessions in Juniper Lodge and spending time researching and exploring the exciting resources in there.

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

***Wrap up warmly and take your child on a winter walk. Look at the changes in the environment. Can you see any birds? Can you find out what they are?***

***Don't forget to bring your child's book bag: we have some exciting new books in the library!***