

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 16.04.18

It is hard to believe that this is the start of the summer term! We have an exciting start to the term as Incredible Eggs will be delivering our duckling eggs. We have previously had chick eggs but this is the first time we have had ducks so it is new learning for all of us. The hatching kit will be delivered on Monday and will be housed in the corner of the creative studio. The eggs will hatch after a few days and the ducklings start to enjoy water shortly after they hatch and the children will be able to watch as they swim for the first time! Staff and children will be researching the life cycle of ducks together from ducks making a nest until the ducklings are fully grown up. Ducks are a collection of different species of birds. They are waterfowls with feathers and feet adapted to life in and around the water. Like all birds ducks lay eggs but that is only one phase of their life. Hatching, maturing and mating are also part of it as ducks pass through during their life cycle. Staff will be recording the children's responses to the ducks and the children will be learning new words and be able to write and record their experiences! Look on Tapestry for pictures.

Sophia and Isla started to build their own library using the blocks before Easter and this learning will continue this week with the children designing and constructing their own library in the nursery. The children have already put a list together of the things they want in their library such as types of books and who they are for, tickets and scanning equipment as well as a place for tea and cake!

There will be lots of books about ducks in the nursery, some will be information books and some will be stories such as 'Duck in the Truck' and 'The Ugly Duckling'.

**Garden and Allotment:** The garden looks magical in the spring with the trees out in blossom. The children will be exploring signs of spring and capturing these images on camera and paper. Each family group will be taking responsibility for a section of the allotment and learning about a vegetable and then growing it. They will be reading stories about growth and learning songs

**Forest School:** Spring has arrived in the forest and the environment is changing. Our forest celebrations start next week please come and share the forest with your child. Please ask your child's key person for more information.

The children have been listening to the story of The Bog Baby which is a magical story about two small sisters who go fishing to a magic pond and find something better than a frog or a newt they find a Bog Baby, small and blue with wings like a dragon.

**What can you do at home to support your child's learning?** Research ducklings and ducks with your child. Come and share the ducklings with your child. They will be in the creative studio