

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 09.05.18

We have a new author of the month Jez Alborough who is an English writer and has written many well-known stories such as "Balloon", "Yes", "Where's my Teddy?", "Duck in the Truck" and "Some Dogs Do". The children will be reading his books and finding out about him as a writer and illustrator. Please share the display with your child in the entrance, the children are always excited when there is a new author of the month. This often motivates them to write and illustrate their own stories. The children will be listening to Jez Alborough reading his own stories. You can find them on YouTube.

We also have a new core book which is in our book corner "Fran's Flower" by Lisa Bruce. This is a lovely story about a little girl called Fran who finds a flowerpot with her dog Fred and is determined to make whatever is inside grow so she feeds it her favourite foods, but none of these work! The children are all growing seeds to grow in the allotment so there is a lovely link to this story.

The children have been observing different spring flowers closely and producing some wonderful paintings. This week they will be learning about shade of colours and learning words such as similar, lighter and darker and the same. They have been studying a nature journal in the forest and been observing flowers and rocks/gemstones in detail. They will continue this learning in the garden and study flowers carefully and learn about the parts of flowers too.

The children have been designing people with the 3D blocks supported by Katie and learning about the different parts of the body and drawing around each other. This learning then moved to drawing round dinosaurs and thinking about dinosaur bones!

Garden and Allotment: the children have begun to spend more time outside as the weather improves. They have been making sandwiches in the garden with Elissa under the trees and having a picnic. They have been able to choose what fillings they want in their sandwiches and have been making some healthy choices such as cucumber and lettuce which is great. This learning will continue this week.

This week there will be physical fun activities on our large grass area!

Forest School The children have been learning about parts of a flower through observation, deconstruction and finding information through the labelling in the published journal. Dollie and Abigail represented the geode and a gem slice in the creative studio by mixing colours and exploring shine and texture. Lorenzo concentrated on the parts of the blossom and the leaf.

Sue would like to make more journals with the children as the children have been making them in the creative studio

What can you do at home to support your child's learning? Take your child out for a walk and be amazed at the things they spot. The children are becoming brilliant observers!