What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 21.05.18

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the royal wedding preparations in nursery and have been making flags, crowns, bunting and decorating a large cake for a wedding party. They enjoyed dressing up as well. They have been designing their own flags and have been looking at the Union Jack carefully. This week the children will be extending their learning and thinking about flags of the world and reading stories about princes and princesses and kings and queens.

This week we will be celebrating Elmer Day (Saturday 26thMay) on Tuesday. The children will be reading Elmer stories and thinking about that it is okay to be different. They will be exploring our Elmer story sack at family time. We will have bright colours in the nursery and the children will be sequencing patterns in the maths area. They will make patterns using potatoes for printing in the creative studio and threading with straws in the fix it area.

We will be finding out as much as we can about elephants. We will be asking you to find an elephant fact at home to put on our elephant learning wall. It would be great if as many children as possible could bring a fact in!

The children are enjoying being authors and illustrators and have been making their own books with Elaine. Do look at the display in the entrance. We will be sharing their stories with the children at family time.

Stay and read a story with your child on Tuesday morning at 9.00 or the afternoon at 1.00 – just for 5 minutes! There will be lots of Elmer stories!

Garden and Allotment: the children have all planted their seeds in the allotment and are now watching them grow. We are teaching the children the importance of watering them and why we must wait to pick them which is hard when you are young!

The water area has been busy and the children have been designing their own boats and seeing whether they float or sink.

We have had a big sand delivery and thank Steve and Stephen for re filling our sand pit! Forest School the children have been reading Red Riding Hood with a difference and asking questions such as how did the wolf know where Riding Hood lived? We have had some interesting answers 'he followed the signs to her house' or 'he's been watching her'. We have been learning facts about wolves and why we do not have wolves in this country.

They children have been cooking cheese and nettle scones over the fire and they tasted delicious. They have learned how to pick nettles safely.

What can you do at home to support your child's learning? Bring one elephant fact for our elephant learning wall. Thank you