

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 04.06.18

Our author of the month is a new author to us, Sue Hendra, who is a British writer and an illustrator of over seventy books for children. She has written books such as "Supertato", "No Bot the Robot with no Bottom" and "Barry the Fish with Fingers". Elaine has been reading her books to the children and they have really enjoyed them so we will be asking the children to give us feedback on this new author. Do watch some of the stories on CBeebies Bedtime stories or read one of her books.

After the Elmer week in nursery the children became very interested in making patterns as they spent lots of time looking and drawing Elmer's patchwork coat. This week we will be exploring pattern with the children. How many patterns do we see around us? Patterns help us establish order in our everyday lives. Patterns help children learn sequencing and to make predictions which lead to mathematical skills and establish order in everyday life. Children learn about pattern when they sort different shapes, styles or colours. Once children can sort they can be taught simple patterns using different materials, songs with beats such as clapping beats. The children can make repeating patterns using shapes and numbers. They will be exploring these skills this week throughout play to learn time.

The children will be looking at nature's natural patterns such as rings on a tree, patterns/petals on a flower, brick patterns on the wall or patterns on a leaf. Look at patterns on your child's clothing.

We will be making a pattern wall in nursery. Look for a pattern with your child, talk about the pattern, encourage your child to draw it and bring it to nursery

**Garden and Allotment:** the children will be searching for patterns outside in nature and making patterns with the objects they find in nature. They will be looking on the ground and at the trees and flowers. They will be using the objects they find to make patterns and stick them onto strips of card to make patterns. They will be going on a pattern walk with staff and looking at photos of patterns in the garden

They will be making patterns with beaters, their feet and hands e.g. stamp, stamp, clap, clap

**Forest School** we are very excited because we have two Blue Tits nesting in the bird box in the forest. They have been very busy collecting food for the babies. The children have been listening to see if they can hear the babies inside the box. The children have been looking for their favourite places in the forest or their favourite object in the forest and sharing it with their friends and saying why it is a favourite place. They have been taking photos of this and sharing these pictures. They will be cooking pineapple and cinnamon rings over the fire

**What can you do at home to support your child's learning?** Thank you so much for the elephant facts. Could you look for patterns in your house or garden and see if your child can describe and draw it!