

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: October 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

The focus over the last few weeks has been helping the new children to settle and build relationships with their key person and other nursery practitioners. Some children settle more quickly than others and we have the time to ensure all children separate confidently from their parents and build a trusting relationship with their key person.

Children continue to find out about their nursery and are becoming increasingly independent and beginning to make their own plans for play to learn time. The children are thinking about the resources that are available to them and planning where they are going to play and what resources they are going to use. They are continuing with exploring the nursery at family time which is an adult directed teaching time. Each day the children have a different green box to open and something new to explore inside the box. 'What's in the box, what's in the box? What's in the box today?' This will take them to a different area of the nursery each day both inside and outside. They might visit the collage area, safety in the car park or the toilets! There are 13 different areas to explore! The children are beginning to find their family areas and are enjoying spending time with their key person. They sing the welcome song everyday which helps them get to know the other children in their group.

Children are noticing spider webs in the forest and garden and have been hunting for spiders in the garden. The core book this month is written by Eric Carle 'Incy Wincy Spider' and the children will be going to the book area to share this. Children are learning new facts about spiders using the Ipad and lap top such as spiders have eight legs and using spider spotter sheets to identify the different spiders they find.

The children are thinking about autumn and are collecting leaves in the garden to take to the creative studio. The children are building a picture gallery in the creative studio and learning what it is to be a real artist.

**Garden:** The children are exploring the outside area and finding out about the different areas outside. Everything outside is on a large scale and is very different to the inside. The children are learning the rules about climbing on the big climbing frame and where bikes can and cannot go. There is so much to learn when you start nursery!

There will be collecting bags available for the children to gather autumn resources

**Forest School:** The children have started their forest school journey and there is lots of exciting learning happening in every session. This is shared with you through the Woodland Whisperer which will be sent out each week so you can see the rich learning taking place in the forest. Each family group have been going to the forest with Sue and Dawn. If you have any questions about the forest, Sue is on the door every week so come and talk to her.

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

Take your child on an autumn walk and look at how the environment has changed since the summer. Chat to your child about the change in the weather and what we need to wear now it is getting colder. If you find any thing interesting please bring it in to nursery. We would love to share it!