

# What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018

The children have had a busy first half of term and the key people will be re-establishing the routines when the children arrive. The children continue to learn where to put resources and the importance of caring for them. The weather is getting colder which makes outdoor learning challenging as the children are learning to put on their own coats, find boots and change in to outdoor clothing. Learning how to 'sausage their wellies' is a big challenge! The key staff will be supporting the children as they settle back into nursery routines after their half term.

We have been donated a large number of pumpkins so the children will be sharing fiction and nonfiction books about autumn and pumpkins. They will be cooking with the pumpkins and making pumpkin tarts

Each month the children will be introduced to a different author. The author of this month is Jack Tickle (is a pseudonym of Jane Chapman) Jack Tickle has written many books for young children to enjoy such as "Crunching Munching Caterpillar" and "The Very Lazy Ladybird". Our core book this month is "The Gingerbread Man" and the children will be making gingerbread men with ginger smelling dough and sharing the book bag with staff.

Your children will be bringing their book bag home this week and Elaine will be taking groups to the library and talking about their book bag. There is a letter in each bag, which tells you when to return it. We want every child to leave nursery loving books! Sharing stories with young children helps your child's development in so many ways. They not only spark your child's imagination and stimulate their curiosity but they help your child's language and listening skills as well as their brain development. It is also a social activity and helps their understanding of the world. It supports their understanding of the written word too.

Garden: the children will be collecting leaves using the wheelbarrows in the garden. They will be using crayons to make leaf rubbings and sorting the leaves into shade of colour using colour swatches. They will be looking at the shapes of leaves and drying them to make leaf glitter

Sue is going to take the children on a pumpkin trail

Forest School: the children have been having an exciting time in the forest. Sue has made a numbered pumpkin trail for them to follow in the forest - a great way to help children recognise their numbers. Yes you can do maths in the forest too!

Thank you to Steve our site manager, he made a sign for the pumpkin trail. It looks great.

What can you do at home to support your child's learning? If you are carving pumpkins don't throw them away. Squirrels love them so put them out for the squirrels to enjoy!

Make leaf glitter with your child. Collect leaves and let them dry then scrunch them up to make glitter!