

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 07.01.19

A Happy New Year to you all. We are looking forward to the new spring term and all the exciting learning which will be taking place.

The author of the month is Nick Sharratt who is an author – illustrator and has written numerous books and is very popular with the children. We thought it would be good to have funny stories to cheer us up in January. Nick Sharratt is a favourite author with both adults and children. Look at our display in the entrance to see which books he has written.

Our core book this month is “Don't Put Your Finger in the Jelly, Nelly” by Nick Sharratt. This is a fun rhyming book for children who like to dip their fingers in anything that looks tasty, though they might be in for a bit of a shock! Rhymes help children notice and work with the sounds in words. When children are familiar with a nursery rhyme or rhyming book, they learn to anticipate the rhyming word. This helps them to make predictions when they read, another important reading skill.

Higher - level resources have been added to different areas of the nursery. The children have been exploring the properties of water so transparent tubes, connectors, test tubes, and pipettes will be added to the area for the children to explore and experiment with.

Resources have also been added to the Fix-It trolley as the children were learning about connecting and joining in the wrapping station before Christmas. They will be learning how to use split pins, staplers, string, treasury tags and finding out how to cut holes using a hole punch. Next week a workbench will be available for the children to use.

Garden: outside the children will be bird spotting and thinking about how to look after them in the winter. They will be making binoculars to observe the birds and using observation sheets to identify birds. They will be able to make bird feeders from reclaimed materials and ensure that the birds are fed daily.

Forest School: the children will be spending longer periods of time in Juniper Lodge as the weather becomes colder and the forest is resting in the winter months. Children will be starting their forest sessions in Juniper Lodge and spending time researching and exploring the exciting resources in there.

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

Wrap up warmly and take your child on a winter walk. Look at the changes in the environment. Can you see any birds? Can you find out what they are?

Don't forget to bring your child's book bag to nursery. We have lots of exciting books in our library.