

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: 04.02.19

The children have been enjoying the frosty winter weather. They have been exploring the properties of frost and hunting for frost in the garden and making their own frost inside. They have been freezing dinosaurs in balloons and watching them thaw!

Our new Core book is Cuddly Dudley which is a lovely story by Jez Alborough. Dudley is a penguin who is so cuddly that he finds himself surrounded by a crowd of huddling, waddling, cuddling brothers and sisters. Dudley slips off to find refuge in a secluded spot only to be faced with something worse than his affectionate siblings.

The adults and children will be researching facts about penguins and starting an interest board about penguins. They will be researching using the laptops and iPads as well as looking at nonfiction books.

Did you know penguins are a special family of birds who cannot fly but are excellent swimmers and a group of penguins on land is called a 'waddle'? The tallest penguin is the Emperor penguin who is 4' tall!

They will be learning the penguin rhyme 'I'm a little penguin, black and white, stout and fluffy, what a sight. I can't fly, but I love to swim. So I'll waddle to the water and dive right in' (To the tune of I'm a Little Tea Pot)

The interest in saving our planet continues and the children have made recycling signs for our new recycling bins. Jane is going to teach the children a new song about recycling. The children are being light detectives and turning off lights when they leave the room. We are thinking about the world's most vulnerable animals such as leopards, dolphins and elephants.

Garden: the children will be playing bird lotto to identify the different birds we find in our forest and garden. The children will be using the wheel barrows to put leaves and debris in the compost bin in the garden.

They will be planting beetroot and broccoli in the greenhouse in readiness for the allotment.

Forest School: the children have been sorting firewood and comparing the sizes of wood. Dawn has been asking the children to think about items which belong in the forest and those that do not. They have been cooking gingerbread over the fire and it does taste delicious. They have cooked potatoes in tins and they tasted good too. The children have been learning to identify birds and playing bird lotto.

What can you do at home to support your child's learning? Bring in a fact about penguins to put on our penguin interest board.