

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: May 13th 2019

The duckling eggs arrive on Monday. We are very excited and hope you will come and share the excitement of watching them hatch and learning to swim. They will be here for two weeks. We will have a learning wall about ducklings and the staff will be listening to the children and adding their pictures and observations to the wall. There is a duckling area in our living things area for the children to focus on the learning. We will be researching the life cycle of a duckling using non-fiction books and the laptops and iPads.

The children are very interested in exploring the different musical instruments and are learning the correct names for the more complex instruments. We will be learning new Boogie Mites songs and using the instruments to keep the beat in the new songs.

The children continue to enjoy the performance area and are singing and dancing to a range of music including songs from "The Greatest Showman". They are learning the Makaton signs too and Emmie and Ava shared the song they had learned. Great signing and great singing!

At family time we will be focussing on Letters and Sounds with the children to further develop their speaking and listening skills which lays the foundations for the phonic work which starts at Phase 2 in school. The focus will be on rhythm and rhyme, alliteration and voice sounds and oral blending and segmenting.

We are extending the children's fine motor skills and will be exploring small items from a finger gym. Coloured pasta will be available to the children to design and make their own necklaces.

Garden and Allotment. The children have been wanting to take the musical instruments outside and we thought we needed to make instruments to have outside in the garden.

Percy loving making instruments and it was lovely to see him working out which bottle top fitted the special shaker he had made from a recycled bottle! We will be making musical instruments for the garden outside using natural reclaimed and recycled resources.

Forest School The children are learning the butterfly rap. They have also learned a beautiful reflection song which they sing in the forest. They have made their own musical instruments in the forest from natural resources.

The children are having rich conversations in the forest and are learning to listen to each other's ideas using a special talking stick. This helps the children focus their attention. We will be using them at family time too.

What can you do at home to support your child? Find out a new fact about ducks to put on our interest wall.