

What's happening in The Hive this week?

Week beginning: May 20th 2019

Great excitement last Wednesday when the ducklings started to hatch! All six hatched safely and we watched them pipping their way out of the egg. It was amazing to watch, real awe and wonder. We waited patiently as the ducklings worked tirelessly to push their way out of the egg. They have now been moved out of the incubator and are in their large cage. This week we are going to teach them how to swim! A writing area has been set up by the ducklings and we drew pictures and learned facts about ducklings. Ellen recorded the children's observations and added them to our duckling learning wall. We will be able to handle them this week. Do come and see the ducklings, they are growing very quickly and already have lots of yellow feathers. The children will be learning the importance of washing their hands after they have held them.

We all know the Elmer stories written by David McKee– it is Elmer's 30th birthday this Saturday May 25th and we will be celebrating this all week. We will be coming to nursery dressed in bright colours or patterns on, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Do dress up too. We will have an Elmer book area and will be listening to different Elmer stories as well as sharing a story sack about Elmer. To celebrate Elmer's birthday we will be decorating a large cake in different colours and singing Happy Birthday to Elmer!

We will be thinking about patterns and colours on Elmer and designing our own patterns using natural resources, threading coloured pasta and designing our own patterns in the mark making area.

The children have been exploring fruit and this learning will continue this week.

Garden and Allotment. We are going to be making patterns outside using natural resources. The children will be recording their patterns using the iPads.

The interest in binoculars continues and the children have a caddy containing the resources to make their own binoculars. They have become so confident they are able to use tape to join the cylinders and make holes using the hole punch and thread string through the holes. Amazing independent learning!

Forest School: there is lots of exciting learning happening in the forest this week.

Charlie observed a wood pigeon and wrote and drew about it. The children have been making apple puffs and learning to measure using measuring cups and this week will be making fruit kebabs because they are interested in different fruits and have been exploring them in the nursery.

Alice is enjoying telling stories using the story stones. She is sharing her stories with Dawn and her friends.

What can you do at home to support your child? Bring an unusual fact about elephants to celebrate Elmer's birthday.