

The Hive Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to another term in the Hive, and to our new parents/carers, welcome! It has been so lovely seeing the children settle in so well to their new routines already, and all three classes have already been working hard on some amazing learning experiences.

English

In English this term, Bumblebees Class are working hard on their handwriting skills and consolidating their knowledge of all the different letter formations and joins. They will then move on to their Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation learning which will help to explain tricky concepts and build a strong foundation for an incredible year of reading and writing ahead!

In Honeybees Class, the children are also hard at work with their handwriting and fine motor skills, including lots of sensory experiences and practical activities to help them to master their letter and number formations. Honeybee Class will also be getting an introduction to the Place Value of Grammar and Punctuation, as well as lots of speaking, listening, captioning and label-writing all around our whole-Hive topic of All About Me!

This term, Busybees Class are focusing on settling into their new routines, working on fine and gross motor skills that will help them to become more confident writers, and exploring the topic of All About Me through a wide range of sensory experiences, play-based learning invitations, and creative projects. The children are also taking part in daily oracy and attention-building activities as well as working in small groups with their teachers to develop their reading and writing skills at their individual levels.

Maths

In Maths this term, Bumblebees Class are working on place value, addition and subtraction. The children will be using a range of concrete materials such as cubes, dice and place value counters to form numbers and explore the value of each digit in the numbers. When their understanding of place value is secure, Bumblebees Class will then move on to solving addition and subtraction problems at each child's individual challenge level.

This term, Honeybees Class will also be learning all about place value, addition and subtraction. They will use dice, dominoes, linking cubes and Dienes resources (tens sticks and ones cubes) to practically create and investigate a range of numbers, and explore addition and subtraction problems using number lines, part-whole models and written methods.

In Busybees Class, the children are exploring comparing, sorting and matching activities using a range of materials and games. They will also be working on patterns, shapes and simple measures (size, mass and capacity of everyday objects) and will continue to embed and master their understanding of numbers through counting songs and games. Through their daily calendar routines and nursery rhymes, the children will also continue to build their number sense and counting confidence.

Other Subjects

This term, Bumblebees Class have been learning about the Zones of Regulation and the school values of unity, compassion and achievement. The children will continue to focus on emotional literacy, self-regulation and independent learning in the afternoons to enable them to transition smoothly into joining their mainstream peers for afternoon learning when they are ready! They will also continue to explore the whole-Hive topic of All About Me through classroom discussions, creative projects and short writing tasks.

In Honeybees Class this term, the children will also be focusing on building their attention, self-regulation and resilience skills ready to join their mainstream peers in the afternoons when they are ready! The children will also continue to engage in learning based on the topic of All About Me, and discuss our school values of kindness, respect and working hard.

This term in Busybees Class, the children are engaging in a wide range of play-based learning activities focused on the topic of All About Me, as well as beginning to learn about the school values of kindness, respect and working hard. As part of their daily shared reading time, Busybees Class have been learning about the different emotions through the story of the Colour Monster. They will continue to explore the different emotions and how they are feeling through feelings check-ins throughout the term. Busybees Class will also be joining their mainstream peers on a rota in the afternoons, as well as accessing the sensory room and outdoor learning and play areas.