

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break over the Half Term and are looking forward to the term ahead. We certainly are feeling very happy about the progress the children are making and how settled and happy they are in The Hive.

Next half term our topic is all about being confident. We will focus on several books across the half term that show confident characters. Furthermore, we will be talking to the children about what confidence is and when they can be confident. We will be using the word 'confident' daily throughout all our provision and would love you to drop it into your daily routines with your children at home.

Sensory

All the children will continue to be offered a range of sensory experiences. This includes: movement play, sensory circuits, access to our sensory space and messy play. Any questions about these then please feel free to ask me on the door.

Art

This half term our Art topic is 'Sculpture and 3D: Clay House. We will be using clay to make lots of a range of models, using lots of different modelling techniques. By the end of the unit, we hope to make little Christmas cottages for the children to bring home.

Reading

All of the children now have a reading book or a reading sheet and this will be changed on a weekly basis. Your child's book will be collected every **Friday** and a new book will be provided the same day. Please make sure your child brings in their reading book and reading record to school **every day**, as the children will be read with during school time.

Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign the reading record.

Other information

The Hive's Teaching Assistant is Miss Giday.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by speaking directly to us on the door or on ClassDojo
Many thanks,

The Hive Team

You can help by:

Set 1 pure sounds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6OiU2h3sUI>

Set 2 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7hRbrpq5Bo>

Set 3 sounds- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2o2b7nL1jrg>

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them is so important. Please ask questions about the book to check your child's understanding. The books taken home by the children are of a high quality so it's important to make the best use of them, as they have been carefully matched to the reading level.

Here is a useful list of the 100 high frequency words. Please help your child to read and spell as many of these words as possible: <https://www.highfrequencywords.org/hfw100fp.pdf>

Hit The Button is a fun game where children can practise number bonds, addition facts and times tables. It can be played on most devices. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>