



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

4th October 2020

**Hello from the nursery team: Hilary, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Jennie, Lisa, Lizzie, Louise, Natacha and Tiff**

This week the nursery will take on a more autumnal feel: we'll have wheat to scoop and pour outside ( the wild birds will be happy!) and we will be making use of the lovely conkers that have been collected and donated - thank-you!

Children will be encouraged to use the conker drills to make holes, either for threading or making conker critters. Maybe you could talk to children about playing conkers when you were a child. Nursery aged children are unlikely to be able to aim at another conker, but you could try hanging something like a water weighted balloon from a tree and see if they can hit that.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes and that all outerwear is named. With 45 children using the same space, some changing themselves and others needing help, we do occasionally lose things, but named items are easier to reunite with their owner!

We are low on egg boxes. If you have any spare at home please donate them to the nursery. We'll quarantine them before the star of the day gets to take one home - hopefully with a couple of eggs!

# PLAY IDEAS

## Reading tip of the week

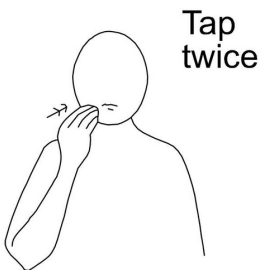
If your child loves being outside, try taking reading outside too! They may connect more with books in the garden or another outside space.

## Writing tip of the week

Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves, especially doing the fastenings – zips, buttons and poppers. This develops hand strength and fine motor skills.

## Woodland wonder

Talk about hibernation and build yourself a den outdoors. Use branches and leaves or chairs and sheets. What would you take with you into your den if you were going to hibernate over winter?



Tap twice

to eat

## Makaton

At nursery each week we introduce a Makaton sign and symbol. These help children communicate their needs and supports spoken language.

Sound of the

week: **i**

Number of the

week: **7**



**Insect**

Insects have 6 legs. Can you find any?

This link shows you how to pronounce the sounds of the different letters.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW\\_v-1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s)

## Star of the day

Please take a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with the children during carpet time and upload to Tapestry. Due to coronavirus we cannot show items that have been brought in from home.



5th - Zoe

6th - Rufus

7th - Wyatt

8th - Jacob

9th - Luca T

