



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

20th September 2020

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

Dear parents,

We are probably going to be lucky enough to have more great weather this week. Whilst the wasps are still active (although greatly reduced) the bottom of the garden will remain closed off. The children don't seem to have noticed that the climbing frame is out of bounds; they are busily active in the sandpit with the new digger and the mud kitchen instead (thanks to Pete Cannon for our new cable reel table).

This week we are going to use those lovely cardboard tubes to be creative with paint. Please make sure you send children in play clothes, as we will be using some acrylic paints which don't wash out well.

If you have not signed up to our Facebook page, please do so and our admin can add you. If you search 'rhymes' on the Facebook page, you'll find some of the regular rhymes we sing on videos we posted during lockdown - a good way for you to practice at home too! Jennie has put together an order form for uniform. You'll find examples out to view next week.

For those children who are born before 01/09/2017, you will need to complete a Funded Early Education form. These will be on a table for you to collect when you next drop off. Please complete and return to the nursery. You do not need to complete the 30 hours section as St. Michaels is registered for 15 universal hours only. If you are claiming income support from the government, your child may also be eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium or funding from the age of two. Please speak to Hilary if you are unsure how to complete the form to claim your free entitlement hours. Non funded hours will be billed for shortly.



PLAYING NATURALLY, LEARNING NATURALLY

PLAY IDEAS

Reading tip of the week

Keep some books in the car for your children to look at on journeys or to read to them when waiting in the car. Try listening to audio books on longer journeys. You can borrow audio books from the library.

Writing tip of the week

Give your child empty plastic bottles for them to screw and unscrew the lids. This helps develop fine motor control.

Woodland wonder

Make a woodland crown. Stick double sided sticky tape to a strip of paper and go on an autumnal walk to find some beautiful red, brown, orange and yellow leaves to stick on. Talk about what happens in Autumn to the leaves on trees.



Listen

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: **t**
Number of the week: **5**



Trees

Which trees can you identify?

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhXUW_v-1s

Creative activity

Make the most of the sunshine by taking a pot of water and some paintbrushes outside. Find a wall which the sun is shining on and decorate the wall with the water. Discuss what happens to the paintings - why do they disappear?

