



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

15th November 2020

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

Please see the attachment from the Mickleham and Westhumble community. Do mention the nursery connection if you are able to volunteer.

Our Autumnal activities continue with learning about Divali. They didn't arrive in time for the activity last week, but we now have real little clay diva lamps. The children will decorate these with china marking pens or paint, depending on their choice and development level. Our manipulative table will be playdough this week and have a mathematical focus. The children have really enjoyed mark making on the patio with chalks, seeing how the wet patio and mark-making through the puddles changed their marks so we have ordered some more chalk! Our cosy 'dog bed' proved a popular place to play and look at books. We've added babies this week to support developing role play. We'll be playing parachute games and will also start learning words to some new Christmas songs.

Thinking of Christmas and Christmas shopping, do remember to register if not already done so and your online purchases will raise money for the nursery.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmichaelsnursery>

We have also registered with TWO online balloon races.. have you heard of eco balloon racing?? This is a great way to raise funds for the nursery, eco-friendly and using virtual technology, a chance to actually follow your balloon as it travels the world.. well as far as it gets in 7 days! Eco racing uses real-time weather forecasting to predict the path your virtual balloon will take. We have registered for two races, the first is a Christmas Shopping race which launches virtually from Harrods at 12p.m. on 1st December and the second is a Christmas Day race that launches virtually as Santa's sleigh lands back in Lapland after the previous evening's deliveries! You can choose a shape, colours and patterns, how much helium you put in your balloon, the thickness of the latex etc and give it a unique name too!

Balloons cost £3 each, you can buy them for yourself, ask grandparents to buy them or gift them to others.. Eco racing takes 21.3% of the funds raised and we receive the rest. Please take a look at our fundraising page

<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1048>

PLAY IDEAS

Reading tip of the week

Find interactive books at the bookshop or the library for your child to look at with flaps and sound buttons. You can ask local libraries for books like this that you drop in to collect.

Writing tip of the week

Encourage your child to make birthday or thank you cards. Draw pictures and have a go at writing their name.

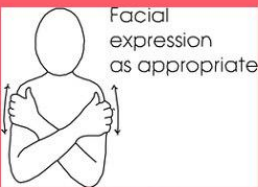
Woodland wonder

Make prints with muddy welly boots! Great for exploring patterns, shapes & textures.



Makaton

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



To Cuddle



Makaton

Sound of the week: **r**
Number of the week: **2**



Robin

Have a go at teaching your child the names of garden birds.

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

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.



16th - Zoe

17th - Alexander W

18th - Amalie P

19th - Eleanor R

20th - Verity

