

ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

13th June 2021

Hello from the nursery team:

Hilary, Jennie, Charlotte, Elaine, Gemma, Georgie, Hollie, Lizzie, Louise, Sophie & Tiff

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's going to be a hot one, at nursery we'll make sure we cool down with lots of water play. Children may bring in bathing costumes and a small towel if they wish on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. A change of clothes will be a must too! We have a drinking water station outside which is still a novelty so the children should stay hydrated, but please remember to apply suncream before nursery.

You may have heard that our new computer table has arrived! At the moment the children are exploring a simple fish game on the multi-touch screen before we load the learning apps and we have used it for the Star of the day too! It is amazing! Thank you for your contributions to Mark and Kate's mammoth cycle ride, and obviously an especially huge thanks to Mark and Kate for initiating this fundraiser and suffering the cycle burn! Don't forget the staff have pledged to complete the return journey between us, albeit at a more sedate pace! You can still contribute using the following link: <https://gofund.me/d1b2c14a>

Covid-19 restrictions: We are all awaiting how the rumblings of restrictions remaining in place will affect events we have planned for the end of term ~ Watch this space!

Father's Day Friday!

On Friday 18th June, dads or grandad's are invited to enjoy a bacon roll to celebrate Father's day. We will be cooking in the Forest School and serving over the fence between 9 and 9.15 a.m. If your child does not attend on a Friday, you are still welcome to come over and claim your roll!

Hilary



Dates for your diary NB. all dates are subject to Covid-19 restrictions:

Friday 18th June: Father's Day Friday! Bacon rolls available from 9am to 9.15am...

Monday 21st June: Community Midsummer's Ice Cream Picnic (for details see 'Friends of St Michael's Community Nursery' Facebook page)

Thursday 8th July: End of term show (all children) - ALL children finish 12.15pm

Tuesday 13th July: Sports Day (all children); End of term (younger children) - ALL children finish 12.15pm

Wednesday 14th July: Leavers' party/End of term (older children)

PLAY IDEAS

Communication, Language and Literacy:

Our Ladybird counting stones were popular in the garden at nursery this week. Do you remember the nursery rhyme...?

*Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home!
Your house is on fire, your children all gone,
All but one, and her name is Ann,
And she crept under the pudding pan.*

Why look up the lifecycle of a Ladybird together? They are fascinating creatures and their babies look very different to the Ladybird we all know and love!

Woodland Wonder

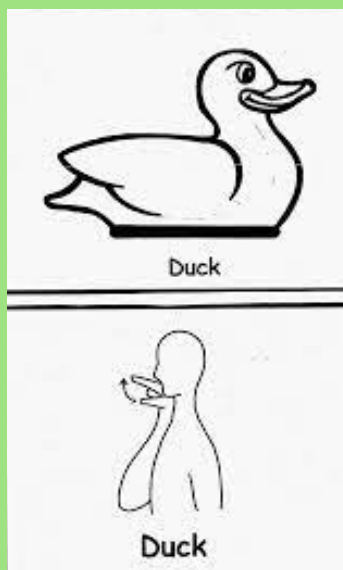
Perfumes and potions: Start by crushing up some rose petals or herb leaves, then mix them with a little water to make a perfume or potion! Encourage children NOT to pick them, you could find fallen petals or explain that an adult could use scissors to cut a few leaves from the plant. What can you smell? Does the smell change when you mix them with water? What else could you use to make a potion?

Makaton

At nursery each week we introduce a Makaton sign and symbol.

Makaton supports spoken language and helps children communicate their needs.

**This week's sign
is Duck:**



Sound of the week:

e

Number of the week:

17

Click on [this link](#) for a video demonstrating how to pronounce the phonic sounds

E is for Exploring Emotions:

There are many ways to explore emotions through play together. From sharing books and talking about the feelings and experiences of the characters afterwards; to role play with dolls and teddies and even playing a simple board game helps to develop social skills, empathy and emotional self control

Star of the Day

Please take a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery and upload it to Tapestry.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we cannot currently show items brought in from home.



Monday 14th: Poppy



Tuesday 15th: Finn

Wednesday 16th: Eleanor C

Thursday 17th: Esme

Friday 18th: Sol