



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

3rd October 2021

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for the speedy response to last weeks newsletter! We had plenty of fruit this week!

The weather has certainly changed! Please do ensure your child has a waterproof coat and ideally wellies and waterproof trousers/dungarees. I'll be looking out for when the Lidl waterproofs are in stock and will ping a message on the Facebook group if I'm the first to spot them (Lidl waterproofs are very good value and warm too, their wellies are, however, on the narrow side and the woolly sock linings are dreadful! Decathlon snow boots are better!). Please do remember to name clothing, in particular, outer garments and footwear. The nursery has a fundraising account with easy2name, please ask us for the fundraising code (I've just emailed them for this years code!).

Now that our new starters have almost all started, staff are also getting back to our routines which includes more formal observations of children at play. This year we have a new curriculum and have adjusted our Tapestry observations accordingly. Parents are receiving less Tapestry snapshots but staff will chat to parents more formally about their child's development once 'target child' observations have been taken and assessed. All children will have been observed before Christmas.

This week we have some magnetic resources to explore, magnetic writing boards, magnetic vehicles and lots of magnets! We will also have the small world farm, and sensory red lentils as additions to our continuous provision resources. Children can create with scratch art, and will be singing with sticks and scarves.

Our Thursday Children will also meet Kate and Charlie, two artists attached to the setting for an action research project about creativity in the early years.

A couple of dates for your diaries:

Nursery AGM, possibly Tuesday 9th November (please look out for confirmation)

Nursery Christmas Fair, Saturday 4th December.

Hilary

THIS WEEK...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

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

Getting ready for mark-making: Encouraging your child to dress and undress themselves isn't just about developing independence. Learning to do the fastenings such as zips, buttons and poppers helps to develop hand strength and fine motor skills.



Sound of the week:

i

Number of the week:

5

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

i is for Insect:

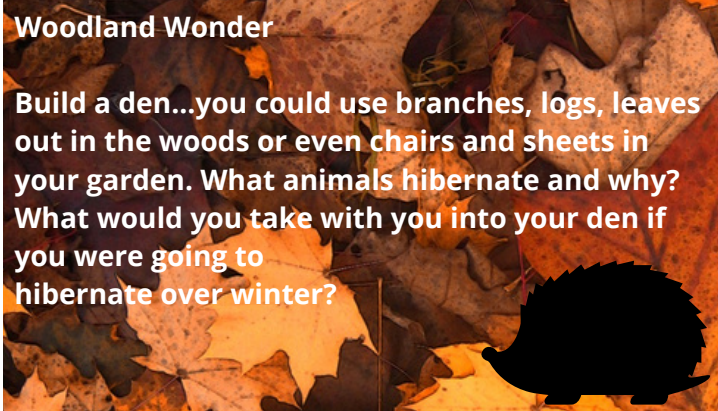
Following some bug hunting in the nursery garden last week perhaps you could go on a garden safari and see what insects you can find...talk about their features, how many legs/wings, colours, size, habitat...

Find out more about the insects you find at [The Woodland Trust](#)



Woodland Wonder

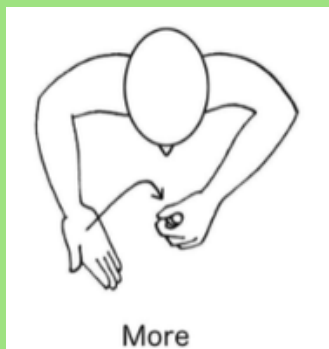
Build a den...you could use branches, logs, leaves out in the woods or even chairs and sheets in your garden. What animals hibernate and why? What would you take with you into your den if you were going to hibernate over winter?



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 'more':



More

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.

NB. please record videos in LANDSCAPE format (i.e. with phone/tablet held horizontally) so we are able to view them on the large screen.



Monday 4th: Otilie W

Tuesday 5th: Jesse N

Wednesday 6th: Sam

Thursday 7th: Noah

Friday 8th: Bella

