



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

23rd January 2022

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

As the Covid-19 restrictions are beginning to lift in the wider world, we, in the Early Years and Primary Schools are very aware that for us the numbers of infections appear to be increasing. Whilst infections do appear milder for children, it still causes us challenges with staffing and for those within the nursery community who may be more vulnerable. Therefore, at the moment, we will continue with mask-wearing at drop off and pick up, and continue to appreciate 'positive' households keeping children at home. If you are unsure how your own personal circumstances fit with the nursery, do speak to Hilary as situations change daily!

This week we are role-playing Dr's/ hospitals with each other and our dolls, playing with fairies and preparing for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. Maybe you'd like to click on the link and prepare your garden with bird tasty snacks ready for the big count!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

We have enjoyed seeing your Tapestry posts with some children continuing with pizza making at home, those that have not already made one at nursery, should get a chance to this week.

We have been experiencing some kind of glitch on our website and are aware that applications for new starters are not always arriving via our email. If you have recommended the nursery to friends, they have applied but not heard from us, please ask them to call the nursery and we will sort applications another way if necessary.

Many thanks

Hilary and the Nursery Team

# This week...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

Role play is great for expanding your child's imagination and introducing new vocabulary. Social skills also benefit because they will be using eye contact, turn-taking and listening skills. By letting your child take the lead in a game, they will gain confidence in communicating. At nursery we provide continuous and varied resources to support role play, but this week may see an increase in little Doctors!



Sound of the week:

**u**

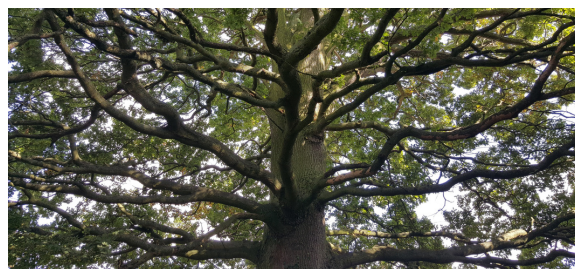
Number of the week:

**12**

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

**U is for Up and Under:**

**Trees - nature's climbing frames...climb up, crawl under, go through and over...do you have a favourite climbing tree?**



## Woodland Wonder:

At forest school we will be seeing if we can tempt our resident robin with a few tasty treats. He is a very brave little bird, but we will need to sit quietly, perhaps in one of our dens, so we don't scare him!

Perhaps you can find a quiet spot to sit, watch and wait, scatter some tasty treats...what birds will you see?



## 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:**

**Help**



## 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 24th: Felicity**

**Tuesday 25th: Otilie T**

**Wednesday 26th: George Masters**

**Thursday 27th: Willow**

**Friday 28th: Callie**