



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

30th January 2022

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

No Covid chat this week... But I need to let you know that we have had a case of Chickenpox reported!

At nursery this week we will be learning the story of Chinese New Year. If you search Chinese New year on your phone, you get a lovely surprise which will also tell you which animal is being celebrated in 2022. We will be dragon dancing, have set up a new role play area and will be looking at Chinese writing (the black paint will be out this week!). Part of the celebrations includes cleaning your house, to be rid of any bad luck before the New Year arrives! We have some feather dusters and adults will be supervising polishing! It is supposed to be bad luck to actually clean on the day (this year, Tuesday 1st) but I'm sure any help with dusting will be much appreciated and feel free to encourage this play at home too!

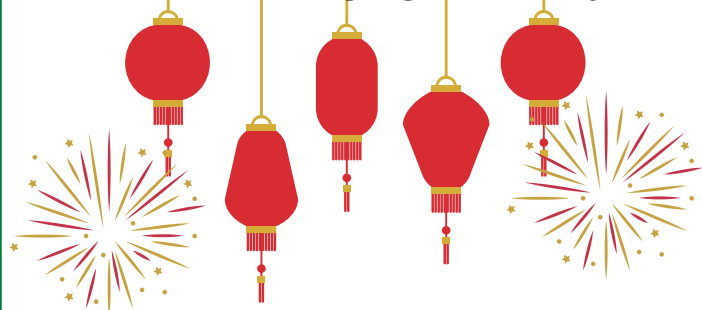
Attached to this newsletter is a form you will need to complete if your child is staying at nursery for the academic year starting in September 2022. Printed copies are also available for those who need them!

Many thanks

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:



Chinese new year begins on 1st February, and this week we will be sharing the story of The Great Race with the children, where 12 animals joined a race to decide which year of the Chinese zodiac would be named after them. Can your child share and retell the story, recall the animals involved, what happened in the race?

Woodland Wonder:

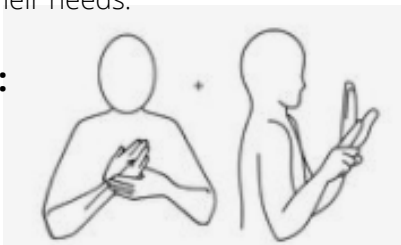
Watching the birds has been fascinating this week and we've noticed some bird nests up high in the trees. Have a go at making your own nest with your child. Together, collect some natural items. Sticks, moss, feathers, and leaves are a great start. Then build the nest. Talk about how the bird weaves twigs to make it sturdy, can you do this? What might a bird collect to build their nest? If it's for a robin, would it need to be smaller than a nest for a blackbird?



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:
New Year



Sound of the week:

I

Number of the week:

11

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

L is for Ladybird:

Ladybirds hibernate during the cold winter months. You may spot groups of hibernating ladybirds in cracks and crevices, under tree bark, in hollow plant stems, piles of leaves and other sheltered places.



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 31st: Felix

Tuesday 1st: Henry

Wednesday 2nd: Fleur

Thursday 3rd: Winnie

Friday 4th: Cammie