



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

13th March 2022

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

We are starting to think about springtime celebrations. This week we have Holi - the Hindu festival of colours - we are not planning on throwing any paint powder...we explored that last week, but we will be singing with our colourful scarves and mark making with paint sticks. Children will be starting to make a small gift for Mothering Sunday (27th March) and we will also be reminding the children that we have eggs in the incubator ~ due to hatch early next week (w/c 21st March).

St. Michael's Church are hoping to host an Easter Egg hunt after the Easter Service on Sunday 17th April. More information to follow. We have also been donated some tree whips, the children will plant some in both the chicken free range area and adjacent to our Forest school, any spares will be available for parents to help themselves. If you have a place to plant a tree please do ask (if they are not outside!).

We are aware that some parents are already talking to their children about starting school. We would strongly advise against this as children can become either rather anxious or be so excited they want to start school NOW. September is a VERY long time away for them! Transitional chats are important, but at nursery, we will not be starting any transition activities with the leaving children until after the May half term. Your school choices should be confirmed on 19th April, at that time we will ask parents which schools they have been offered and initiate transition chats with receiving schools.

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

If your child loves to be outside, try taking reading outside too! They may connect more with books in an outdoor space. Perhaps you could take a trip to the local library (can you find a book about the Hindu festival of Holi?), followed by reading together in the park.



Strengthen those essential fine motor skills by offering tweezers or tongs to pick up and move small objects from place to place, such as putting a raisin or button in each section of an ice cube tray or egg box.



Sound of the week:

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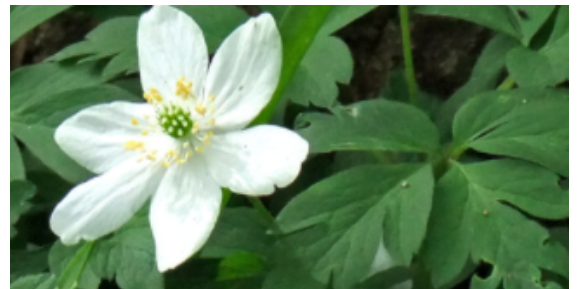
Number of the week:

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

w is for wood anemone:

If you go down to the woods today...can you spot these early spring flowering woodland wildflowers?



Woodland Wonder:

Japanese Hapa Zome Art (or leaf bashing!). Our forest school rule of 'no pick, no lick' means that the children do not pick any leaves or flowers from trees or plants, or eat anything we find. So, for this activity, a grown up will need to source flowers or leaves, preferably fallen or carefully cut. Arrange the flowers and leaves onto one side of a piece of fabric and fold the other side over. Then bash the flowers with a hammer, or a large stone, as hard as you can! You'll know it's ready when you see the colour bleed through the fabric. Once you have printed leave it to dry and hang up to admire.



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:

What

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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 14th: Sadie

Tuesday 15th: Amelie

Wednesday 16th: Lilly

Thursday 17th: India

Friday 18th: Margot