



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

20th March 2022

**Hello from the nursery team:**

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

Dear parents and carers,

This week at nursery we are looking forward to watching our incubated eggs hatch. The chicks are normally handleable after they have dried off and fluffed up, so look out for Tapestry pictures! We will use the hatch to think about life cycles and you may want to look out for signs of spring at home too! This weekend I spotted some dandelions...so maybe you can now try Lizzie's woodland wonder from a couple of weeks ago and add the petals to pancakes!

We have red clay as our manipulative play this week, please ensure you dress children in clothes you don't mind getting stained. We will have aprons on offer, but sometimes the stiffness of a PVC apron 'gets in the way' of true exploration. I'm sure you will treasure any 'critter creations' you may find in your child's tray...they will make good paperweights! The children have also been busy making a gift for Mothering Sunday. Do make sure you check the trays as this week they are being wrapped ready for coming home. As the weather has significantly improved we also have water play on offer this week, making foil boats and testing out what things float and what sinks!

Thank you for continuing to let us know about covid status in households, this allows us to track potential incubation periods, surges and ensure those that are vulnerable are informed.

Hilary

# This week...

## Communication, Language & Literacy:

Songs and nursery rhymes help children listen to sounds, words and sentences so that they will start to join in themselves. Repetition is the key to your child being able to join in. Wait at the end of a line or sentence to give your child the chance to join in and fill in the missing word e.g. 'The wheels on the bus go round and round all day .....'. Don't worry if your child doesn't say the word, after a pause say the word for your child, they might be ready to say it next time.

(Every Child a Talker)



Sound of the week:

**v**

Number of the week:

**5**

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

## v is for vole:

Bank voles are widespread and common in the UK but are very wary and very fast so you may be more likely to hear them rustling in the undergrowth. If you're really lucky you might spot a more confident bank vole near your bird feeders looking for an easy meal!



## Woodland Wonder:

Whilst it's nearly time for our chicks to hatch, many wild birds are just starting to build their nests. Why don't you give them a helping hand?

You can fill a hanging container or even just tuck materials into a bush. Provide natural materials, for example, raked moss, garden cuttings, straw, wool.

Then watch the birds come to collect it. I wonder how many you will see?

Find out more about nesting season in this [RSPB article](#).



## Makaton

At nursery each week we introduce a Makaton sign and symbol. Makaton supports spoken language and helps children communicate their needs.



where

This week's sign is:

Where

## 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 21st: Jessie M**

**Tuesday 22nd: Jesse N**

**Wednesday 23rd: Bella**

**Thursday 24th: Otilie W**

**Friday 25th: Albie**