

ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

6th March 2022

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

To celebrate world book day last week, we re-opened our lending library. Children are invited to select a 'library book' with your help as they leave nursery. You will need to write your child's name next to the book title. When you have read the book, bring it back in, cross out their name and select a replacement. This was very popular pre-covid and encouraged both children and adults to read more! Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them, choosing the same story over and over again might be a little dull for the parent, but hearing favourite stories read aloud helps children become aware of the pattern and rhythm of a story. They enjoy poring over the pictures, and often the story can be told through the pictures or they open up more discussion, such as wondering about the last picture of the bear in We're Going on a Bear Hunt. Some children prefer non-fiction books, we have included some of these in the box too.

This week we will be reading Owl Babies and have some owl themed activities planned. Children will have an opportunity to discover what is inside an owl pellet and see the contents of one that was previously cleaned up for us! Following on from the very much enjoyed mud painting, children will be mixing their own colours with powder paints and creating their own interpretations of a vase of tulips! And... we have a new toy to explore!

Thank you for the donations for Ukraine last week. It is very distressing for adults watching the news and even if you don't mean to expose younger children, they may be aware of something being amiss. Should children ask us questions, our basic response is similar to how we think about Remembrance Sunday - 'There is a war far away in another country called Ukraine. The soldiers in Ukraine are fighting to keep the people safe.'

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

There's no right or wrong way to read with your child, but these tips from [The Book Trust](#) may help you get the most out of sharing books:

- Let your child choose what they would like to read.
- Try to minimise other distractions, if you can, turn off the TV etc.
- Sit close together, encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages.
- Take a look at - and talk about - the pictures.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story - as long as you and your child are having fun.



Sound of the week:

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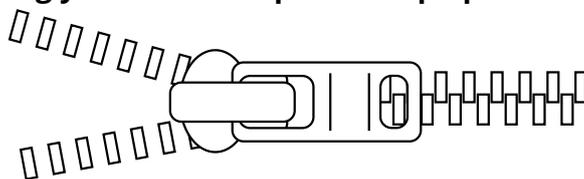
Number of the week:

7

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

z is for zip:

Zips can be tricky...but a great workout for developing the fine motor skills needed for writing, and are one of the building blocks to independence too. You could get started by fastening the zip together at the bottom and letting your little one pull the zip up.



Woodland Wonder:

We have noticed lots of worms at forest school this week, it has been fascinating watching them move, wondering where they are going and how they tunnel underground.

Did you know that worms predate dinosaurs? They have been around for about 600 million years!

Here's a fascinating video about the grippsland giant earthworm, one of the largest in the world, which can be found in mainland Australia:

<https://youtu.be/uO4lkv-jLRs>



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:

Who

who

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 7th: Thomas

Tuesday 8th: Charlotte

Wednesday 9th: Luca

Thursday 10th: Ivy

Friday 11th: Alex W