



ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

Nursery Newsletter

2nd May 2022

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

Following on from last week's interest in numbers and in particular playing dominoes, we are going 'maths' this week!

Creating pictures with 'tap a shape', using our large soft play shapes, comparing and size sorting elephants, mark-making numbers on our light station and singing lots of number based rhymes. Last week we played games with dice, it was rewarding to see how children are already starting to subitise. Subitising is when you are able to look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting. It is linking an image or visual representation of a number to the number itself, such as linking the image of 5 dots on dice to the number 5 without counting. Subitising is an important skill as it will help a child to work out maths problems much faster. Playing board games with dice at home (and at nursery too!) is a fun way to develop children's subitising ability without them even realising, activities where children are shown a number and then encouraged to build the numbers with some type of counter, are also useful.

Our glue table has been popular and this week it's moving outside, let's see if the children start to add natural materials they find (hopefully not live woodlice!).

Don't forget our 'wow' cards. Found in the wow box usually on the lunch box trolley or by the library books, wow cards are for parents to use to celebrate a wow moment.. whatever that may be for your child! It might be learning to ride a bike, staying in their own bed all night, trying a new vegetable, anything that you have been trying to encourage can be celebrated with a whooshy whooshy wow wow! Pass the completed card to the nursery staff and we will share the wow with all the children in the nursery.

The avian flu restrictions were lifted on 2nd May - so the adult chickens are allowed to stop trashing my garden and return to the nursery, which they will do later this week once I've given their house a spring clean and checked the fence for escape holes! Some of the children have never seen the nursery chickens - Kylie, Madonna, Truffle and Praline - so I'm expecting lots of added interest!

Please return funding claim forms if not already done so. Also, continue to pack waterproofs for forest school sessions.

Finally, the committee has asked us to let you know that there will be a parents' coffee morning from 9:30 on Wednesday 11th May at 51 degrees North in Mickleham.

Hilary

This week...

Communication, Language & Literacy:

Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home!

Your house is on fire, your children all gone,

All but one, and her name is Ann,

And she crept under the pudding pan.

Our Ladybird counting stones were popular in the garden at nursery last week.

Why not look up the lifecycle of a Ladybird together?

They are fascinating creatures and their babies look very different to the Ladybird we all know and love!



Sound of the week:

S

Number of the week:

4

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

s is for...sunflowers:

As the weather warms it's time to start thinking about sowing sunflowers...how tall will yours grow? Don't let that other 's' get to them!



Woodland Wonder:

Did you know that originally the Maypole was a living tree chosen from the woods? Children would dance as they wrapped ribbons around the trunk as they welcomed spring by "bringing in the may". This day was also regarded as the first day of the year that children were encouraged to go barefoot outdoors!



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:
(To) Stop



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.

Tuesday 3rd: Felix

Wednesday 4th: Cammie

Thursday 5th: Dougie

Friday 6th: Fleur