



# ST MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

19th January 2025

**Hello from the nursery team:**

**Hilary, Jennie, Faith, Hannah, Justyn, Katie, Kelly, Lizzie, Louise and Sophie**

Dear parents and carers,

We had great excitement last week as a past parent came and put together our new Forest School trolley. Used for the first time on Thursday, it will I'm sure soon be laden with things we didn't know how we managed without!

This week at Nursery we will be helping the children to explore creative dressing up. We have a child-sized dress dummy that they can use to create outfits and a selection of fabrics to dress either the dummy or themselves as whatever they wish! We will also be using our dressing up hats to sing the 'Hats' song! The children will be introduced to the story of Chinese New Year, this year celebrated on 29th January and it's the year of the Snake. We will be creating a snake display and will attempt to act out the story of how the animals had a swimming race to decide the order of the Chinese zodiac.

We have attached some guidance from the Food Standards Agency. At nursery we do need to adhere to this advice, and therefore request that parents consider these guidelines when packing lunch boxes. Please also remember that foods which are labelled 'may contain' nuts or sesame cannot be used for the snack table.

Hilary

# This week...

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Role play allows children to explore their ideas about the world, enacting and trying out different scenarios develops imagination and communication skills. Grab a cardboard box, cushions, blankets...whatever you can find...and let your child take you on an adventure. Take their lead...where are you heading? What will you do? Who will you meet? Try to use open ended questions and let their imaginations run riot!



## Number of the week:



## Woodland Wonder:

Do you come home from most outings with a natural treasure or two in your pocket - perhaps a leaf, flower or feather? Display your woodland wonders by making a simple handmade loom from sticks, bound together with string or wool, and then create a weaving surface by lacing another length of string across the frame. Weave your woodland treasures into the frame, and add to the project over time.



## Star of the Day

Please upload to Tapestry a photo or short video of something special that your child would like to share with us at nursery. Two or three photos/videos is plenty!

**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 20th: Henry

Tuesday 21st: Callie

Wednesday 22nd: Woody

Thursday: No star today!

Friday 24th: Poppy

Our star of the day schedule is also displayed in the nursery window for future dates