



ST. MICHAEL'S MAIL

St. Michael's Nursery Newsletter

23rd February 2025

Hello from the nursery team:

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

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you enjoyed your half term break, sorry to hear Chicken Pox is still going around, but hope the week was not too disturbed by poorly children, or children who continued with the gladiator theme which arose from super hero play and may have involved quite a lot of sofa bouncing!

This week at nursery we will be painting our glue table 'sculpture'. We will be using black paint, so remember, as always, play clothes please, as the black does not wash out well! We will also be playing with dinosaurs, magnets, shapes, floor puzzles, and looking at some non-fiction books.

We are looking forward to restarting our Early Talk Boost sessions this term. Early Talk Boost (ETB) is a programme designed to boost language skills in 3-4 year olds covering 3 key areas of language: attention and listening; vocabulary and building sentences. Working together with parents/carers we deliver a 9 week programme to a selected group of children, running three short small group sessions per week, which are supported by a story book to share at home. Previous groups have thoroughly enjoyed 'Jake and Tizzy time' and we only wish we could offer this to all of our children! We are in the process of selecting our next group and will be in touch with parents of selected children shortly to invite them and provide further information. We have attached some documents that we hope all of our families will find useful:

- Tizzy's Talking Tips', a simple guide to sharing stories at home to boost language development
- Speaking more than one language

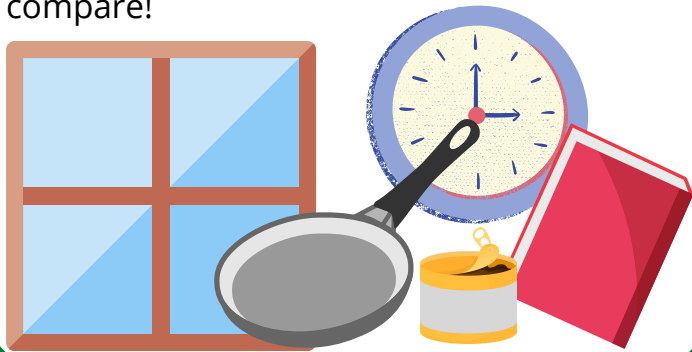
And remember, if you have any concerns about your child's speech and language please do speak to your key person.

Hilary

This week...

Maths:

Challenge your child to be a shape detective and go on a shape hunt around your home. Talk about shapes and their properties before you start, label familiar shapes and describe them in terms of straight or curved, long and short sided, with corners or round, how many sides? Take photos of the objects you find and compare!



Number of the week:



Woodland Wonder:

Some of our Forest School children have been working on our bug hotel, adding materials and living plants.

Big or small, rustic or designer, a bug hotel provides plenty of nooks for insects to shelter in and will help all wildlife. You could use a tin can, an old plant pot, a shoe box...go big with old wooden pallets...or keep it simple with a log pile in a corner of your garden. Fill the space with sticks and leaves, grass and twigs, add pine cones, stones, small plant pots and more. Follow this link for more ideas:



<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>

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 24th: Albert

Tuesday 25th: Oscar M

Wednesday 26th: Florka

Thursday: No star today!

Friday 28th: Ossian

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