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2021 has started with plenty of fun at nursery and thank you to parents for understanding just how much delight the children have had from muddy play - just what the soul needs at the moment.... fresh air, digging, sliding and balancing with friends (plenty of giggles), bonding with and respecting nature and the perfect escape from the changes in their world at the moment.

Who knew there is a National Bubble Bath Day, National Popcorn Day and even Squirrel Appreciation Day (read more about this further on)

As I write this the children are taking part in the RSPB Birdwatch, something you are also able to do at home this week and there will be plenty of Blogs to read about this project over the next few days.



We are pleased to welcome the return of Donna this month from her maternity leave and we would like to thank Chloe for covering Donna's role during her absence.

Thank you as always for your support and understanding as we work with changing Government advice and we look forward to brighter times which are on the way now!

Happy New Year everyone!



Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel where you will find lots of fabulous stories read by our team – perfect for #NationalStoryWeek

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10,000 Daily Steps in March Challenge

The 'Baby Team' Challenge is to walk 10,000 steps every day in March, raising money for Cancer Research UK. Team Leader Amanda is excited to take part in the challenge, "The team are really motivated & all very keen to take part. Health & fitness is a big part of it. It's good to be outside & getting fit." Amy Holmes is also keen and says it's "good to keep fit and it's a very worthy cause."

Amanda would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated already (a whopping £80 in just a few days!) Please visit their fundraising page for more information and donations are welcome no matter how small. Thank you so much it is really appreciated.



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<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-michaelss-team>

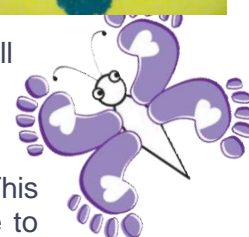
LADYBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES



The Butterflies team would like to request that children bring in their own named wellies & waterproofs for the garden & woods. These will be sent home weekly. Thank you. Our little Ladybirds have been exploring the properties of paint. They've had great fun splodging & dabbing & making brush strokes with the thick, gloopy paint. We have been enjoying the theme 'Winnie the Pooh' & we've made the sweetest little pictures of piglet!



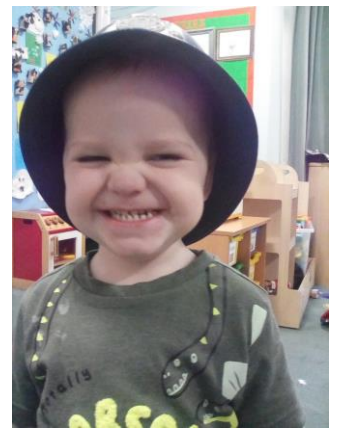
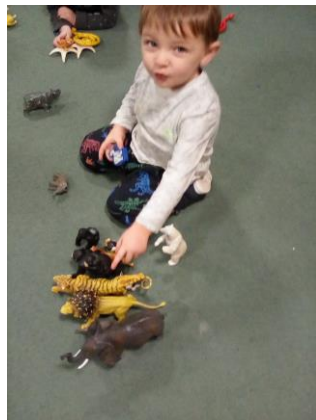
Splash! Squelch! Jump! Muddy puddles, diggers, a mud pit, mud kitchen & climbing the hill were the highlight of the children's visit to the woodland. The group enjoy regular visits to our large spacious garden & forest. The children love to explore their surroundings & the staff are on hand to encourage fun games, singing, using gardening tools in the mud pit & encouraging the children to listen to nature. The children venture out even on a wet day. This often invites intrigue to touch the mud and water and of course, to find the biggest puddle to splash in!



DRAGONFLIES

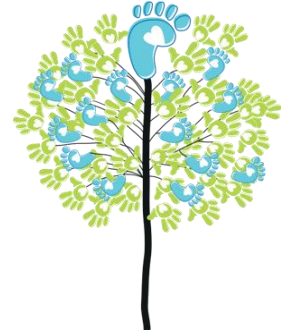


Dragonflies have settled back into the new term & have really enjoyed telling us about their Christmas. We are making a beautiful display of the children's pictures of their time with their family. Dragonflies have loved putting on their wellies and splashing in the puddles in the playground just outside their playroom. Inside the playroom the children have enjoyed role play area, books, toy animals & creating pictures in the messy room.



KINDERGARTEN

The next couple of weeks are all about recognising 'Friendship & Kindness'. Please feel free to send us pictures of the children showing helpfulness & kindness at home. We are currently making a display for this theme.



The children in Kindergarten enjoyed the story of Babushka to celebrate the Russian Orthodox Christmas Day on 7th January. You can listen to Sarah reading the story on our YouTube channel.

<https://youtu.be/9AlpT68pyxU>

Kindergarten celebrated 'National Bubble Bath Day' on Friday 8th January by filling the water tray with lots of bubbles! The children really enjoyed this activity & were over filling cups, pouring from a height & transferring water from one cup to another. We sang the song 'Bubble, Bubble!'



WILD HYGGE



Hygge – Danish word meaning living in the moment and a content feeling of cosiness!

Painting with natural resources such as sticks, jumping in puddles & rolling the diggers around in the mud pit were all fun activities in the woodland area this month. We have been learning about Squirrels to celebrate 'Squirrel Appreciation Day' on the 21st January. We made collage pictures of squirrels, enjoyed a poem about a squirrel, a song & we even made our own 'dreys' in the trees for our (toy) squirrel friends.



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We would like you to meet 'Cheeky Monkey'!

He's our friendly ambassador from the rainforest. His role is to educate, monitor & make suggestions on how to be more eco-friendly.



He serves as a reminder that our actions can have an effect on the whole planet & he reminds us of the bigger picture. Throughout the year, we will ALL be working towards being mindful when it comes to the environment. We have lots of fun activities, games, resources & workshops to take part in & each achievement will reward 'Cheeky Monkey' with a badge on his jumper to represent our achievements as a whole nursery.

Dates for your diary

Mindful Mama & Baby Meet Up

First 2 sessions are FREE,
then £3 per session

Join us Online

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Maths	Numberblocks	The Numberblocks
Phonics	Alphablocks	The Alphablocks
Geography	Go Jetters	Ubercorn
Music	Yolanda's Band Jam	Mrs Brown
Science	Maddie's Do You Know?	Miss Moate
Food Tech	My World Kitchen	The World
P.E.	Andy's Wild Workouts	Mr Day

Protect your child from flu

Parents must complete an online consent form for their child to get the flu nasal spray

All primary school and year 7 children will be sent a link to the online consent form from their school

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray

If your child is aged 2 to 3, or has a long-term condition, like asthma or diabetes, contact your GP for a vaccination

Protect your child and those around them. Get the flu vaccine

<https://schoolmms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon> | 0300 247 0082

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Symptoms checker

Only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested –
A high temperature (37.8°C or above)
OR new, continuous cough
OR loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Visit 111.nhs.uk/covid-19 if you're not sure.

Symptoms	COVID-19 Mid to severe	Cold Gradual onset	Flu Rapid onset
Fever/high temperature (37.8°C or above)	Common	Rare	Common
New cough	Common (usually dry and continuous)	Sometimes	Common (usually dry)
Recent loss or change to sense of taste or smell	Common	Rare	No
Fatigue	Sometimes (common in children)	Sometimes	Common
Sneezing	No	Common	No
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhoea	Rare (sometimes for children)	No	Sometimes (for children)
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

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