



# St. Joseph's

## Catholic Primary School

### Reception Newsletter

What a great first full week in Reception! The children have continued to learn their new school routines and school expectations. They have had great fun and have been very engaged in our learning environment. They have continued to build new friendships and settle into their classrooms.

In the 'Let's Explore' project, your child will explore their class environment and school grounds so that they feel settled and happy in their new surroundings. They will learn about the local environment and find out about places they have visited on holiday. They will look at and create maps for journeys.

#### Supporting your child at home

- Use Google Earth to explore the locality.
- Go on a walk around your local community and talk about the things that you see.
- Encourage your child to talk about the activities they enjoy doing at school.
- Share and discuss the 'Did you know?' resource. (Attached at the end of newsletter)

#### Supporting Maths at home



Sort some coloured building bricks into sets. Build a tower using each colour of bricks. Compare the towers.

Can you find the tower that uses the most bricks?

Go on a walk around your garden or an outside area. Collect some natural materials, such as leaves, pebbles, conkers or acorns. Sort the items into sets. Which set contains the most items?





In RWInc Phonics lessons the children learn a new sound each day. The sounds this week are: **M A S D T**

The children will learn to identify the sound / the rhyme that goes alongside the sound and to form the letters in writing.

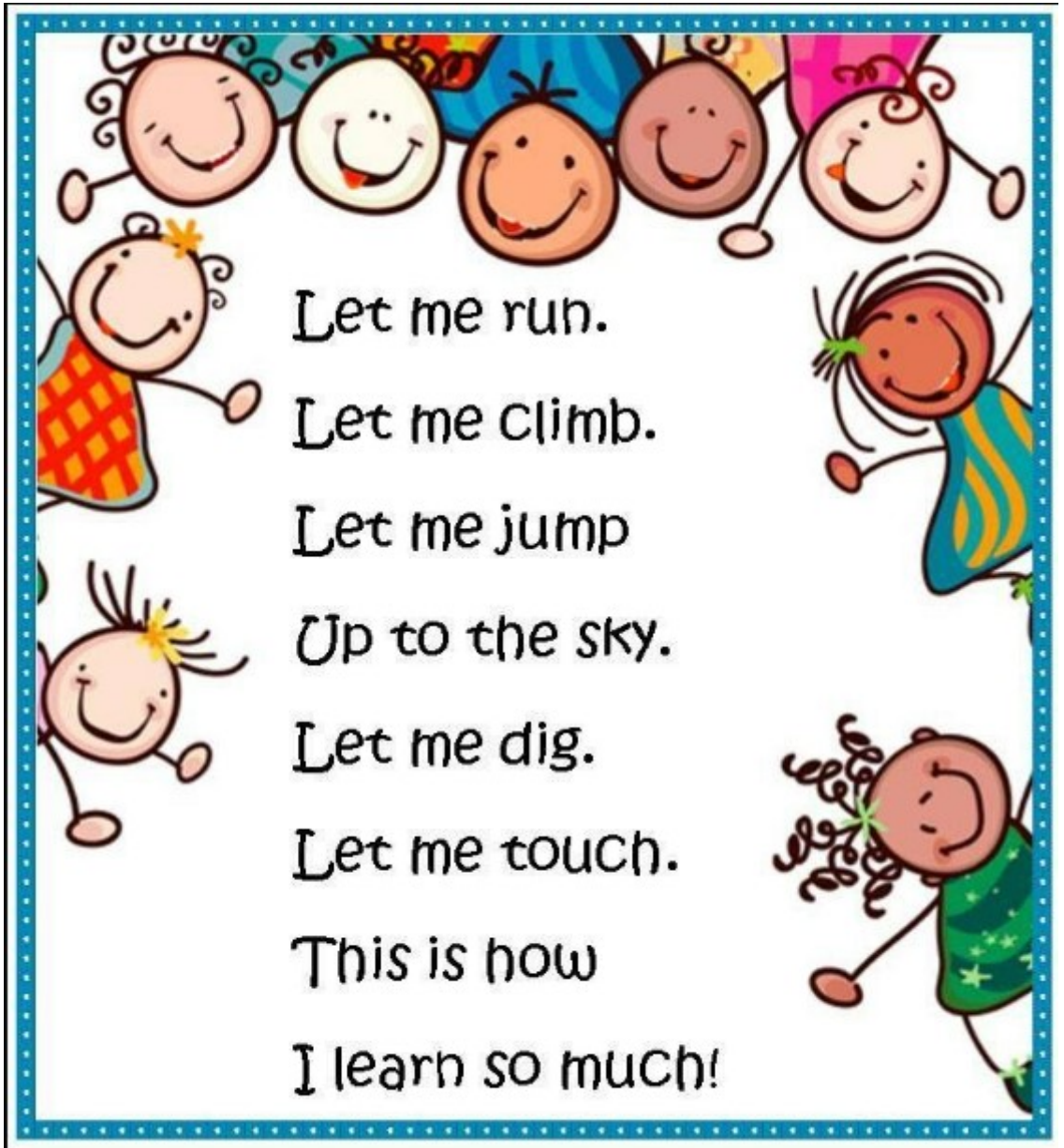
The children will bring home a booklet that they will work through. It is essential that you do not race ahead, but rather work through the booklet – covering the sound we do each day.

By doing this, learning is reinforced and embedded.

Please support your child with this work each evening.



# Our Star Poem



**Please read and practise with your child.**

‘Poetry helps children to develop early language and literacy skills. It introduces new vocabulary, allows children to play with words, letters and sounds, helps with memory and teaches children about rhythm and rhyme.’

**The reading framework: Teaching the foundations of literacy (July 2021)**

## Information:



Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent line). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time please do try again.



Parent drop in \*Every Monday 3.30pm – 4pm.\*

EYFS and Reception – Meet the teacher – 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

Welcome Liturgy – 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm

Reception school trip - Bekonscot - 12th October

\*\*Forest School sessions will commence on 6<sup>th</sup> October.\*\*

wish list

**We would be grateful for any donations of tissues or baby wipes.**

**Thank you for your support.**



Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/home-learning-environment/small-talk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



