St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter

13th November 2026

The children have had a very busy week! They worked very hard in their writing and maths, and the teachers are very proud of their amazing work. They also learned about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in RE. A special thank you to Mrs Khara for coming in to share a special story about Diwali and completing an art craft with the children, last Friday. We all loved our special gifts!

Our topic this term: The Marvellous Machines project.
We will learn about technology and that is part of our daily lives. We will explore various machines, learn about how machines help us and find out about how machines have changed and developed over time. We will learn about products that use electricity to make them work and explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

Supporting your child at home:

- Talk about the machines and technology you use in your everyday lives.
- Look for things in the home that are powered by electricity.
- Look for items that are powered by batteries.

Next week the children will be exploring 1,2,3,4,5 in greater depth by learning more about the different counting principles.

Some home learning suggestions:

Number Hunt

Look around your home and find: 1 teddy

- 2 shoes
- 3 books
- 4 spoons
- 5 toys

Can your child count each set carefully?

Number Treasure Hunt

Hide number cards 1-5 around the house.

When a child finds a number, ask them to:

- Say the number.
- Show it on their fingers.
- Find that many objects.

Please continue to read with your child every night to support their progress. Additionally, children may have a reading sheet, handwriting sheet or book to read at home. Please check their bags and complete with your child.

Please continue to support them by playing this game to support blending. Please play as often as you can.



Ruth Miskin Training

Fred Talk Games

Fred can only speak in sounds. He says m-a-t. He helps children sound out words for reading and spelling.

Fred Talk games are a fun way of using Fred Talk throughout the day to teach children to orally blend.

All Fred Talk games need to follow these steps:
1. Say the word in sounds. Ask children to repeat.
2. Say the word in sounds and then the whole word. Ask children to repeat.

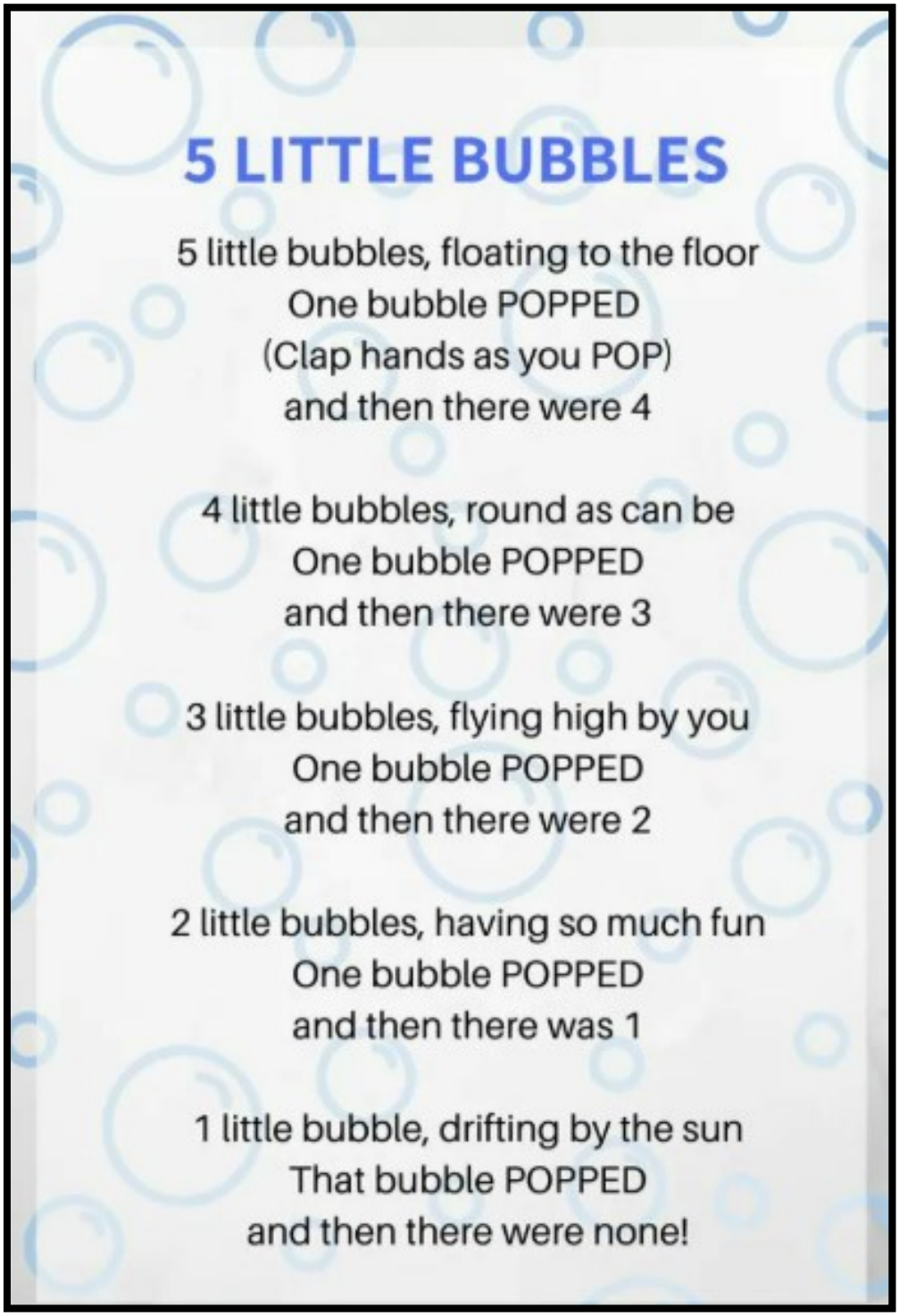
Remember to Fred Talk single syllabic words at the end of the sentence.

Here are some example Fred Talk games:

Body parts
Fred instructs children to touch their nose, hands on your head etc.
1. Say 'Fred wants you to put your hands on your h-ea-d'.
2. Ask children to say 'h-ea-d'. Pause to see if they can blend and put their hands on their head.
3. Say 'h-ea-d, head'. Ask children to repeat.

Animals
Fred names an animal and the children make the noise of that animal.
1. Say 'Fred wants you to make the noise of a h-or-se'.
2. Ask children to say 'h-or-se'. Pause to see if they can blend and make the noise of a horse.
3. Say 'h-or-se, horse'. Ask children to repeat.

Our Star Poem



5 LITTLE BUBBLES

5 little bubbles, floating to the floor
One bubble POPPED
(Clap hands as you POP)
and then there were 4

4 little bubbles, round as can be
One bubble POPPED
and then there were 3

3 little bubbles, flying high by you
One bubble POPPED
and then there were 2

2 little bubbles, having so much fun
One bubble POPPED
and then there was 1

1 little bubble, drifting by the sun
That bubble POPPED
and then there were none!

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.

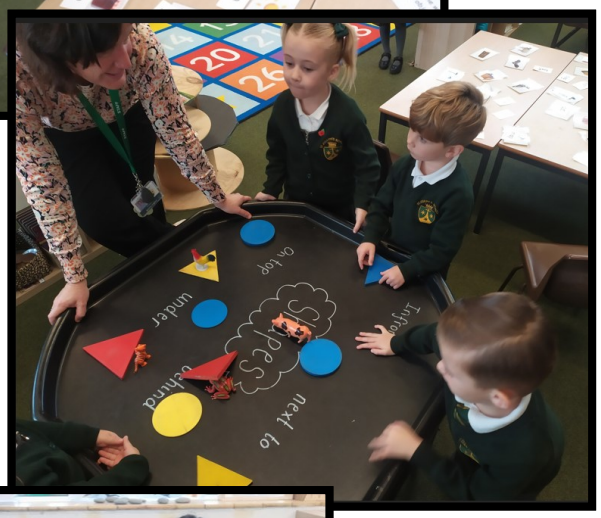











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