St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter

16th October 2026

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had in Reception! The children have settled beautifully into their new environment, making new friendships, developing their confidence and beginning their exciting learning journey. We are so proud of how enthusiastically they have embraced new routines, it has been wonderful to see the children grow in independence and become increasingly confident learners. We look forward to sharing more of their achievements and experiences with you throughout the year.

Topic

Next term we will start our Marvellous Machines project. We will learn about technology 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.

Maths

Next term we will be learning about the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Children will practise recognising, counting and representing these numbers in different ways. We will be learning to spot small groups of objects without counting (subitising) and explore the ideas of one more and one less. Children will also sort objects and shapes, learn about circles and triangles, and use positional language such as under, on top and next to.

Supporting your child at home:

- Look for numbers 1, 2 and 3 in everyday life and encourage your child to count small groups of objects.
- Play simple games where your child can quickly recognise groups of 1, 2 or 3 items without counting.
- Talk about shapes you can see around the home and use positional language during play, for example, "Put the teddy under the chair" or "Place the car next to the box."

The children will be learning the following last single set 1 sounds on our first week back. Please use the QR codes below to practise these sounds at home.









Games 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

The autumn leaves turn shades of gold,
The morning air is crisp and cold,
The school gates close, the books are put away,
For two weeks of freedom, rest, and play.

With pumpkins to carve and hot cocoa to brew,
There's time for some phonics and Fred games too.



No early alarms, no rushing outside,
Just cosy mornings where we can hide.
St Joseph's will be waiting as November draws near.
Mrs Pugsley, Mrs McGinty and Miss Morris will give a cheer!

<u>Please read and practise with your child.</u>

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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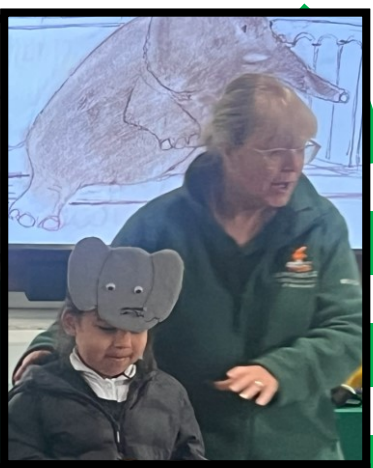



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The Captain




















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