

St Joseph's



Reception Newsletter

The children have begun to learn about life cycles and have been working in groups to 'Grow a Sunflower'. We will be observing this over the next few weeks. Next week, we will have a special delivery for the children to learn more about life cycles, we are sure the children will be very excited!

Topic:

In the Sunshine and Sunflowers project your child will explore their local environment and see how it has changed throughout the year. They will grow flowers, fruit and vegetables in the garden area. They will learn how to care for plants and animals, identifying some different types. They will take part in outdoor learning activities and find out how to stay safe in the sun.

Supporting your child at home

- Grow some quick growing plants together, such as salad leaves, radishes or cress.
- Plan and go on a picnic.
- Go on a local walk and talk about the changes that have happened to living things throughout the year.

Maths

Next week we will continue to learn about 'To 20 and Beyond'. The children become more familiar with numbers beyond 10 and the pattern (stable order) of numbers to 20 and beyond. Children will be familiar with larger numbers from daily routines such as counting children or the days in the month.

Home learning challenge:

Nature Pattern Hunt

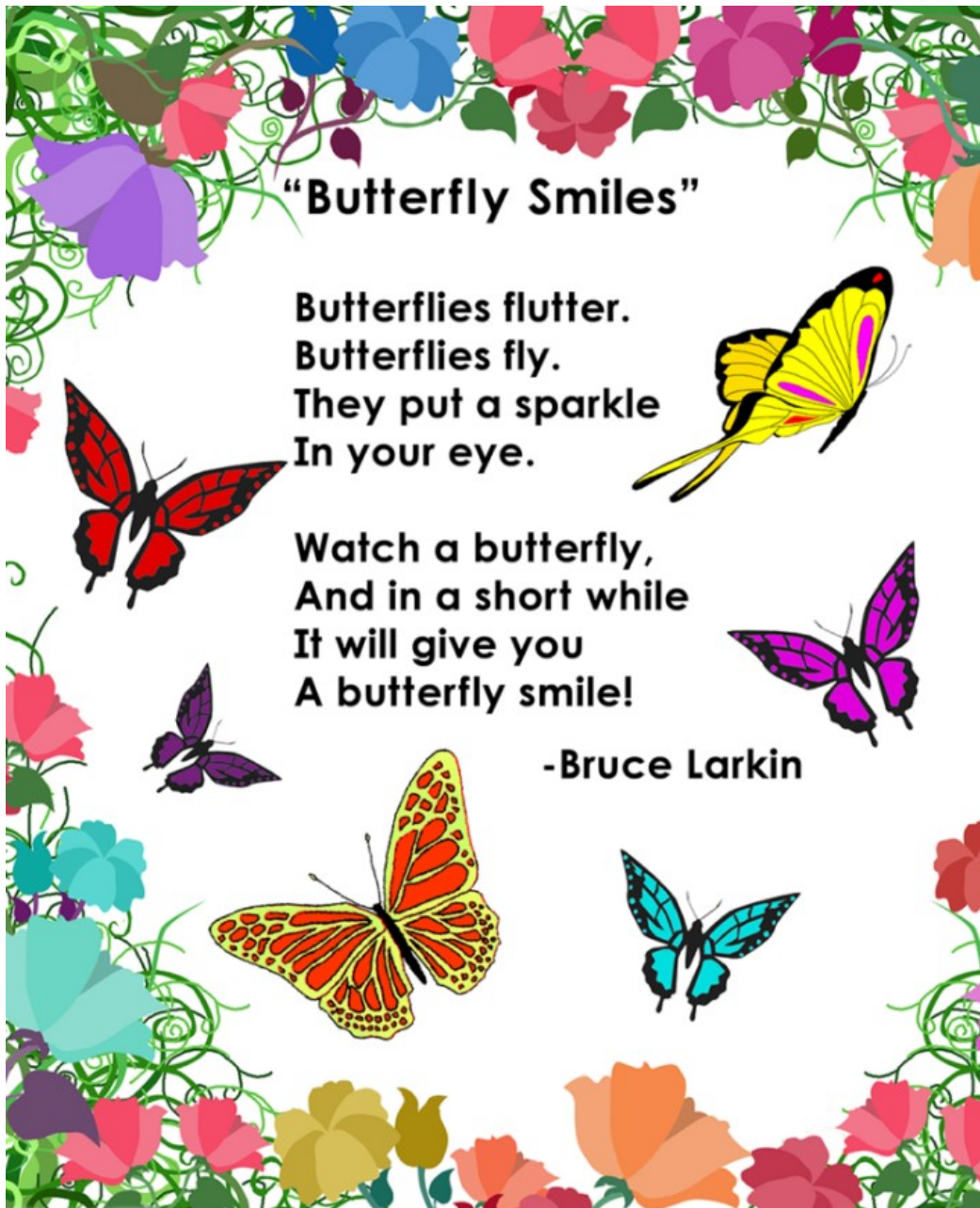
- Collect leaves, sticks, stones, or flowers from the garden or park.
- Arrange them in a sequence (e.g., leaf-stone-leaf-stone-flower) and ask your child to extend it.
- Count the total items together, encouraging them to notice when they pass 20.



Phonics

Please continue to use the Home Learning Support booklets to further progress your child's learning.

Our Star Poem



Read Write Inc Phonics

Children are currently being tested (6 week check) as we had a shorter half term before Easter. They will move into new groups next week. Please see the information that will come home in their plastic wallets about their groups and supporting materials you can use at home.

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.



Reception stay and read sessions –

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th – 8:30-9:15

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th – 2:30-3:30

Reception Year Group Assembly

7th May 9.00am

EYFS School trip to Black Park-

Reception children and Preschool children due to start Reception in 2026. More details to follow.

2nd June

Father's Day EYFS Assembly

19th June 2:15pm

wish list

This term, we will be doing some gardening. If you have any of the following items that you would be willing to donate, we would be extremely grateful!

- soil/compost
- gardening tools for little hands (trowels, forks etc)
- gardening gloves for little hands
- packets of seeds



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>



