

# St Joseph's



## Reception Newsletter

The children have had a great week doing lots of butterfly themed activities. They have been busy exploring counting and number, writing about butterflies and doing some amazing art. They have also started their 'Grow a Sunflower Journey.'

### **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.

### **Home learning challenge:**

- Counting from 1 to 20. Go on a number hunt around the house. Can you find the number? Name the number. Make a number snap game. Make 2 sets of numbers on paper/card and play a game of snap. Using the language more or less. Counting out fruit from a fruit bowl onto 2 plates. Which plate has more which has less?
- Counting the children's toys/bricks. Show me what more looks like, show me what less looks like.



### **Phonics**

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

# Our Star Poem

Feelings are like weather 

Feelings are like weather,  
changing all the time.  
Sometimes wild and windy  
but often calm and fine.

Feelings always come and go.  
How long they'll last is hard to know.  
As on a dark and sunless day  
wind magically blows clouds away.

So, if you're ever feeling low  
and sense a tear is near,  
remember on a rainy day -  
a rainbow might appear.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – 8:30-9:15  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – 2:30-3:30**

**Reception Year Group Assembly** 7<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am

**EYFS School trip to Black Park-  
Reception children and Preschool  
children due to start Reception in  
2026. More details to follow.** 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Father's Day EYFS Assembly** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2:15pm



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We are still in the process of our gardening project. 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>

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