

# St Joseph's



## Reception Newsletter

This week the children have had fantastic fun in the outdoor area! They went on minibeast hunts, created recipes in the mud kitchen, painted and welcomed our new class pets.....Butterflies!

### 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:

Number Blocks Ideas for Parents <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/numberblocks-help-your-child-with-maths?collection=numbers-and-letters>

Count to 20 & Work Out Song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVzXKfr6e8>

Teach children to apply addition and subtraction in everyday situations, such as counting items during shopping trips or adding up snack plates.

Toy Shop Game – Use toys as “items” with price tags (1–10). Give your child pretend coins to “buy” items, adding prices together or working out change.

Number Hunt – Hide number cards around the house. When your child finds two, ask them to add or subtract them.

Dice Races – Roll two dice, add the numbers, and move that many spaces on a homemade board game.



### Phonics

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

# Our Star Poem

## Amazing me!

My body grows.  
My heart beats strong.  
My muscles move.  
I walk along.

My fingers touch.  
My nose can smell.  
My voice can whisper  
and can YELL!

## 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



## wish list

We are still starting 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>



