

# St Joseph's



## Reception Newsletter

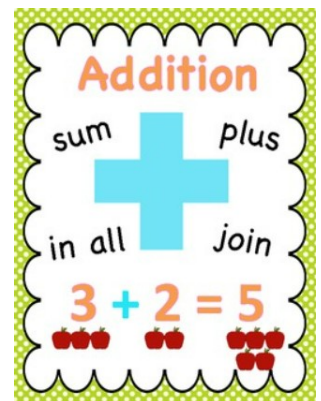
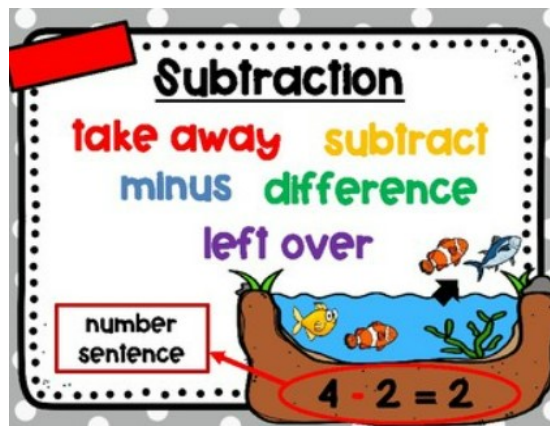
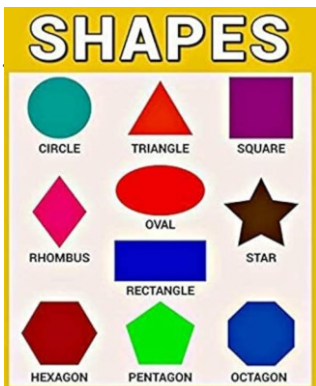
The children have been very inquisitive about our Butterflies and are experts in life cycles. Our focus text for the next two weeks is *The Little Gardener*, the children have enjoyed learning about plants and looking after our Reception allotment.

### 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.

### Home learning challenge:

The children have been exploring Taking away and Shape this week, we want them to continue embedding their knowledge of addition and subtraction and have provided some Home learning Challenges for them to complete with you



### Phonics

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

# Maths Mastery Home Learning Challenge

## Adult Guidance

### What Are We Learning?

To use addition stories to add more and use the words 'first', 'then' and 'now'.

### How to Set Up the Challenge

- Collect up to ten toy figures or toy animals that your child enjoys playing with.
- Using these toys, create addition stories and use the words 'first', 'then' and 'now'. For example, 'First there were three toys at the dolls house. Then, two more came to visit. Now, there are five toys.'

### How to Get Your Child Thinking

- First, there were three. Then, two more came. Now, there are...
- How many did we add?
- How many are there now?
- Can you tell me the story using the words 'first', 'then' and 'now'?
- Can we make up another addition story?
- How did your child know how many there are 'now'? Did they need to count them all? You may like to show your child that they could also count on to find the total.



# Maths Mastery Home Learning Challenge

## Adult Guidance

### What Are We Learning?

We are learning to tell a mathematical story about taking away, using 'first', 'then' and 'now'.

### How to Set Up the Challenge

- Place up to ten small food items (real or pretend) on a plate.
- Ask your child to find their favourite teddy because they are going to be invited to a tea party with you.
- Help your child to use the words 'first', 'then' and 'now' to describe what is happening during the tea party. For example, start by saying, 'First, tell me how many grapes are on the plate. That's right, there are seven.'
- Next say, 'Then, this hungry teddy ate three grapes.'
- Finally, ask your child to tell you what they see 'now.' For example, 'Now, how many grapes are left on the plate?'
- Repeat with different amounts and encourage your child to remove the objects and tell the story using 'first', 'then' and 'now'.

### How to Get Your Child Thinking

- First, tell me how many - can you count the objects on the plate?
- Then, tell me how many are taken away.
- Tell me how many there are now.
- Are there more or fewer now than there were first?
- Can you tell me how many teddy took away?



# Our Star Poem

Brilliant things 

Running free.

Blowing bubbles.

Dance with glee.

Stamp in puddles.

Into my shoes  
the water goes.

Now I've got  
squelchy toes!



## \*EYFS Big Wide World Week\* Events

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Bring a book about the world to share

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

EYFS School trip to Black Park

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Little City visit

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm

Grandparents Allotment Afternoon

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Year one Chat and Play

### **Bring a Book About the World**

Children are invited to bring in a story set in another country or a fact book to share with their peers. This event is for Preschool and Reception. Preschool children who do not attend on a Monday may bring their book to another session.

### **School Trip**

This trip is for all Reception children and children due to start Reception in September 2026. Please note that Preschool will be closed on this day.

### **Little City**

This session is open to all Preschool and Reception children. If your child does not usually attend Preschool on this day, you are welcome to attend with them from 9:00–9:50am.

### **Grandparents Allotment Afternoon – 2:30pm**

Grandparents are invited to garden with their grandchild. If your child does not attend Preschool on a Thursday and would like to attend with their grandparent, please speak to Mrs Pugsley.

### **Year 1 and Reception Chat and Play**

Preschool and Reception children will spend time with children in Year 1 to talk and play as part of our transition programme. Children who do not attend on this day will have another opportunity at a later date.

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>



What a busy week, learning and performing as well as writing, reading and even cleaning Caz and Tish-Tish!



Thank you for coming to our assembly!  
We are so proud of our confidence, remembering our  
lines and singing!



Have a lovely weekend  
The Reception Team