

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



We have had a great first half term and have settled really well into a routine. Thank you for all the support you have given in transitioning your child into Preschool. It was lovely to speak to you all on Parents' Evening, thank you for all your positive feedback.

Topic:

Next half term will be very busy as we lead up to the celebration of Jesus' birth. As well as our traditional celebrations we will also have exciting topics.

Our main topic is '*Once Upon a Time*', your child will be introduced to the wonderful world of stories. They will listen to a range of traditional tales and have the chance to act out the stories in their play. They will use the stories to think about how life has changed from when the stories were written. They will also make up their own stories and make masks, props and puppets to act out their stories.

Towards the end of next half term, we will complete our mini topic '*Sparkle and Shine*'. This project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during Autumn and Winter seasons, and focus on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year.

Supporting your child at home

- Read traditional stories and fairy tales to your child.
- Visit your local library and choose picture books to share.
- Talk about the characters in stories and whether they like or dislike them.
- Talk about how the characters in stories behave and what they could do differently.

Maths – We will be consolidating our learning and exploring new concepts.

Supporting your child at home

Please continue to consolidate your child's learning of number order, recognition and pattern.

Below is a link to support you.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkqf3j6/articles/zprpf82>



Our Star Poem





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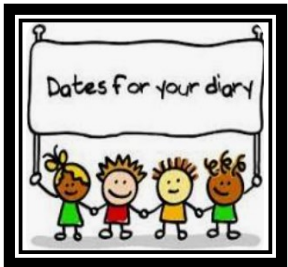
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Next half term we will be doing lots of arts and crafts. If you have any craft supplies that you no longer use at home, EYFS would be very grateful.

We would also be grateful for any donations on tissues and baby wipes.

Thank you for your support



Nativity Date - Tuesday 2nd December 9:30 am.



Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

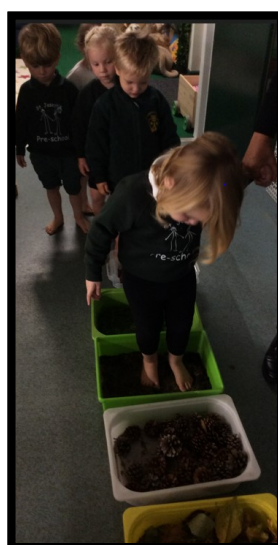
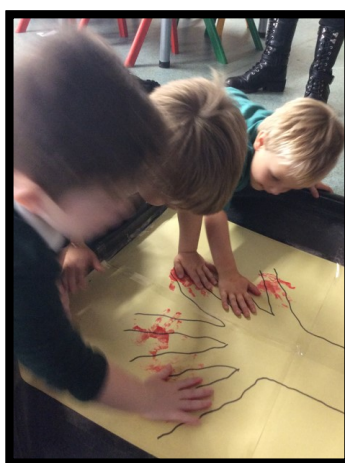
<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<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>

We have enjoyed the last week of our Autumn topic using all our senses. We investigated what is in a pumpkin, the smell was not our favourite! We went for an Autumn Sensory Walk and described what we could feel under our feet. We loved our group painting a tree activity, printing autumn leaves with our hands!



Our favourite learning is self- chosen and even better with friends!



Thank you for all your support
Happy Half Term!
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team