

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



We have loved hearing all the stories of the children's half term adventures! It is great to be back at school. The children are settled again and ready for this half term.

Please can all children bring in wellies each day they attend Preschool, to use in the outdoor area. We will encourage children to put them on when they go out and put their shoes on when they come, this will encourage independence and support motor skill development.

Many thanks

Topic:

We have started our new topic 'Once Upon a Time', during this topic 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.

Next week we will continue looking into our story 'The Gruffalo'. The children will think about questions they would ask the Gruffalo and the mouse from the story.

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 :

Last week our magic number was number one, next week our magic number is number two. The children will be developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').

Supporting your child at home

1. Ask your children to show you different numbers using their fingers, using the same directions as school

E.g. Can you show me 4?



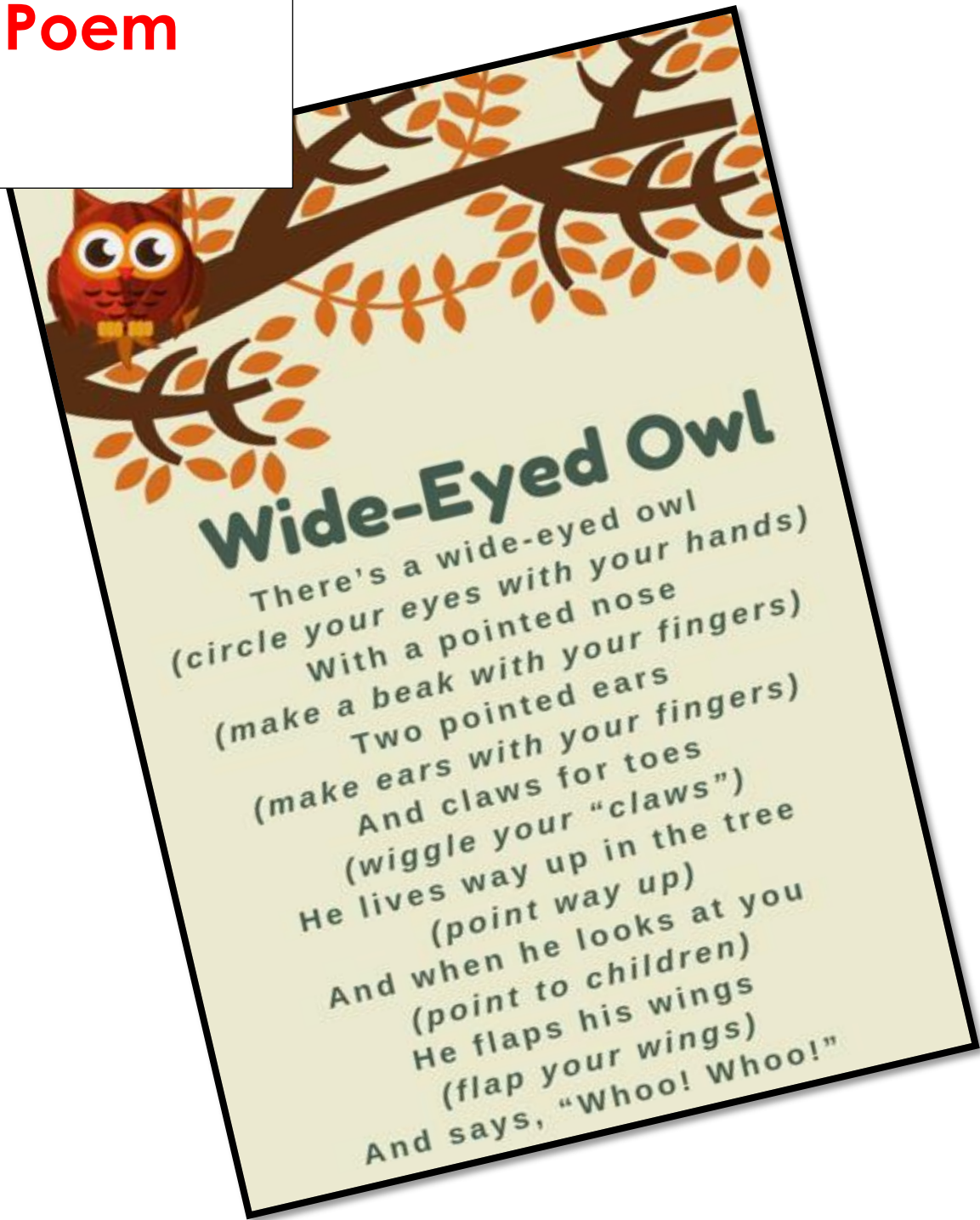
2. Spot the number 2 whilst on walks, on car number plates/ door numbers.

3. Children to help by getting 'two' of an object - e.g. 'Could you bring me 2 books/ apples please?'





Our Star Poem





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.



We are still in the season where we have lots of coughs and colds and would be very grateful for any donations of tissues.

Many thanks



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

Forest school – December 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th, 16th & 18th. If your child attends on these dates please ensure they have wellies and waterproofs.



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

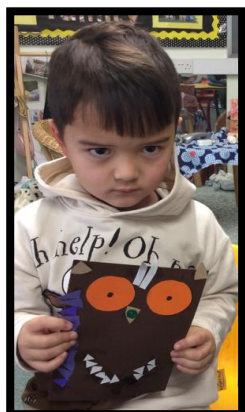
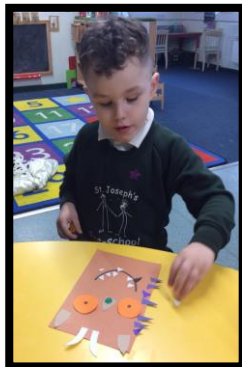
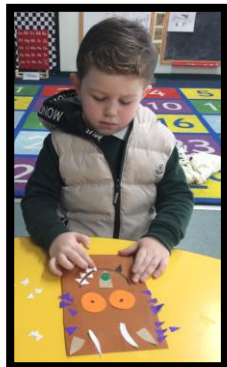
<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<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>

The Gruffalo has been a real inspiration, we have enjoyed making Gruffalo faces, guessing what is in our *'Touch and Feel'* box and even compared our feet (Mrs Pugsley said sorry about brown toes!).



We had a visit from 'Minnie', Mrs Lovegrove's dog. We think she felt just like a Gruffalo but didn't have a green wart at the end of her nose!

In Maths we started to show a great understanding of the number one, being able to recognise it, subitise it and also make it by taking things away. We are building strong foundations in our Maths.



Thank you for all your support
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team