

St Joseph's

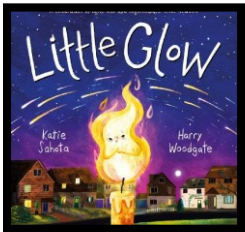
Preschool Newsletter



Thank you for everyone who came to our Preschool Nativity. We are extremely proud of the children, some of whom had not even been on the new hall stage prior to Tuesday and so it was fabulous for all children to be confident and entertaining.

Topic: Next week we will start our mini topic '**Sparkle and Shine**' This project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the winter season, and focuses on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year. Next week we will start talking about different times we meet up with family to celebrate, particularly Christmas. We will be thinking about different ways light is used to make the celebration special.

Our focus text will be



Supporting your child at home

Explore different pictures of family celebrations e.g. birthdays, weddings, firework parties and Christmas. Think about the how lights are part of celebrations e.g. Candles, Christmas lights.

Maths: This week we will be consolidating our understanding of sorting objects into groups.

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- Set up a place at the dinner table using a knife, fork, spoon, plate and cup. Encourage children to look at your example and then have a go at setting up the rest of the places. Do all of the table settings match? Is there anything they need to change?
- Provide children with a variety of buttons. Ask them to find sets of green, yellow and blue buttons. What other sets of buttons can they make?
- Go on an outdoor walk and encourage children to collect some outdoor treasures, such as acorns, conkers, leaves, pebbles and shells. Encourage children to match the items before trying to sort them into different sets.



Our Star Poem

Lights

The lights are red,
The lights are white,
The lights are shining,
so very bright!



The lights are green,
The lights are blue,
The lights are twinkling,
for me and you!



Christmas Hampers

This Advent, we will continue to work with The St Vincent de Paul Society at the parish. Please provide one of the following items to help support those in need this Christmas.



Preschool

A mother in her 50s with 2 young adult children (boy and girl)

Requests:
Christmas sweets/treats but no pantry-type food. No toiletries. No alcohol.



Information:

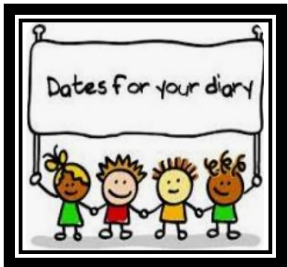


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We need spare clothes, especially track suits bottoms, pants, knickers and socks. If you are having a clear out please think of us.

We still need more tissues and would be grateful for any donations.



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

Thursday 11th December – Christmas jumper day.

Thursday 18th December – 9-10:30 party clothes, all children welcome. If your child does not normally attend that day please drop your child off at 9am and pick up at 10:30am. Thanks you

Friday 19th December – End of term 1pm – No afternoon session.



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

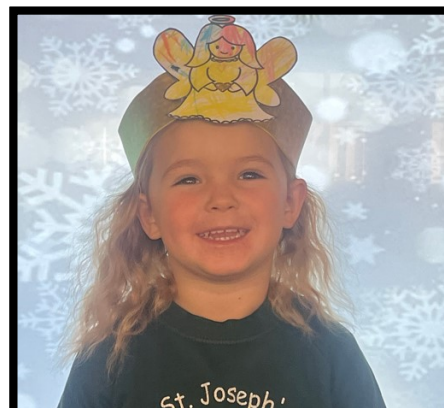
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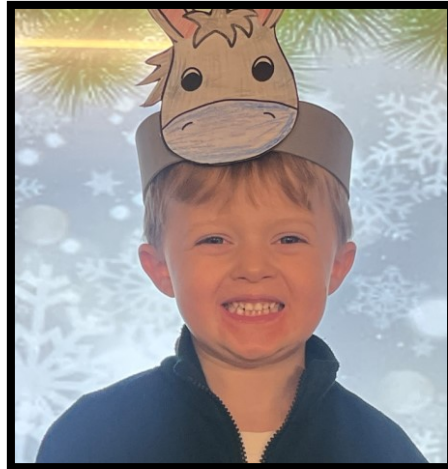
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/home-learning-environment/small-talk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

What little stars we are... If your child was away or a little camera shy we will catch them next week!





Forest school has been great fun! We have been thinking about how the environment has changed over the last few months and investigating our surroundings.



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