

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



Thank you for all your support with the charity hamper. It was taken down to the church today and will be distributed by the Society of Vincent De Paul.

*****Please remember to send in a change of clothes in your child's day bag.**

Topic: Next week we will continue with 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.

Our focus text will be The Nativity



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/z7fp382>

Supporting your child at home

- Explore the Nativity Story and prepare for our Christmas celebration.
- Visit the church and look at the Nativity Scene, talk about the statues that are in the stable at the moment and what is missing, who will appear on Christmas day?

Maths: This week we will be consolidating our Maths from this term and apply it through exploring Christmas themed activities.

Supporting your child at home

- Use wooden blocks/ Lego – children to collect 2 colours and create an AB pattern and 3 colours to create an ABC pattern.
- Children can create linear patterns on the floor – making a train / snake. They can also build a tower. Use specific language, such as 'First, I need a blue block, then a red block, then a blue block etc.'
- Learn a simple clapping rhythm. Children and adult to stand opposite each other. Both clap once, then put hands out to clap each other's hand and repeat.
- Pasta patterns. Using different types of pasta, children can create a pattern, or a necklace if using the types with a hole through.
- Children practise counting, number recognition and subitising to 5.



Our Star Poem

The nativity



On the very first Christmas night,
A wonderful star shone big and bright.
It marked that spot, where the baby lay,
So shepherds, wise men and kings could pray.



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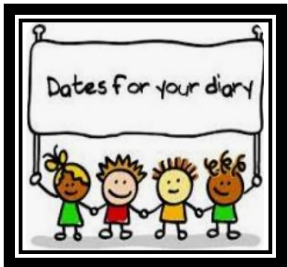


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We need spare clothes, especially track suits bottoms, pants, knickers and socks. If you are having a clear out please think of us.

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



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

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.

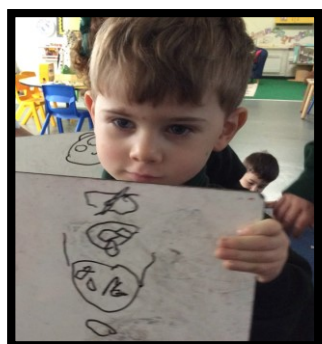
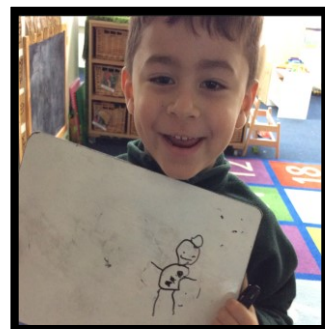
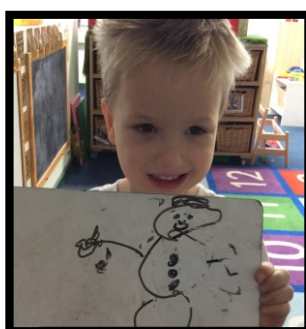
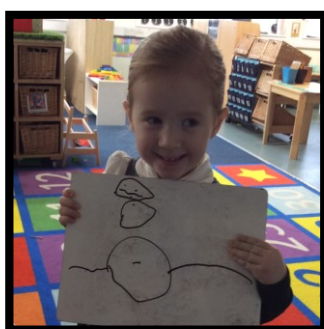
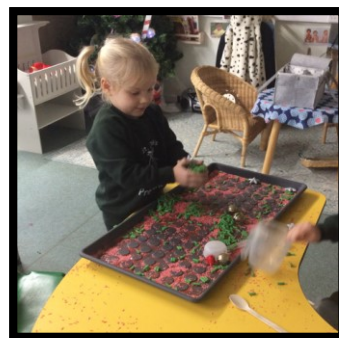
<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<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 all the Christmas crafts, especially anything that involves getting messy!





Hot chocolate is our favourite part of Forest School!

Have a fabulous weekend

Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool Team