

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



This Term has gone so quickly, the children are all so settled and it is lovely to see them making so much progress in all areas of their learning.

Topic:

Next term our first topic is 'Starry Night'; This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals.

Supporting your child at home

- **Look at the night sky and see how many stars you can see each night.**
- **See how the moon changes shape each night.**
- **Go on a short walk after dark or go into the garden. Take a torch to light the way. Discuss how things look different in the dark.**

Maths:

Next term in Maths we will be looking at consolidating our number knowledge.

- We will be pointing or touching each item, saying one number for each item.
- Ordering numbers 1,2,3,4,5.
- Begin to recognise numerals 0 to 10.
- Counts up to five items, recognising that the last number said represents the total counted so far.
- Link numerals with amounts up to 5.
- Explore using a range of their own marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings.
- Through play and exploration, we will learn that numbers are made up of smaller numbers.

Supporting your child at home

Snack Time Counting: Ask your child to help count out items for a snack, such as grapes, crackers, or pieces of fruit, ensuring one item for each number said.

Toy Tidy Up: During clean-up, encourage your child to count the toys as they put them into a box or onto a shelf. You can make it a game to see how many cars or blocks they can tidy away.

Stair Climb: Count the stairs together as you walk up or down them. This everyday activity builds natural counting practice.



Our Star Poem

5 Little Snowmen



Five little snowmen
sitting on a hill.

The **FIRST** one said,
"I think I feel a chill."

The **SECOND** one said,
"But here comes the sun!"

The **THIRD** one said,
"We'd better run, and run, and run!"

The **FOURTH** one said,
"It doesn't scare me."

The **FIFTH** one said,
"I'm melting! Oh gee!"

Then up came the sun
shining brightly all day,

And down went the snowmen,
melting away!





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.



If you are having a sort out of Christmas we are still in need of spare clothes, especially track suits bottoms, pants, knickers and socks. We would be very grateful for any donations.



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

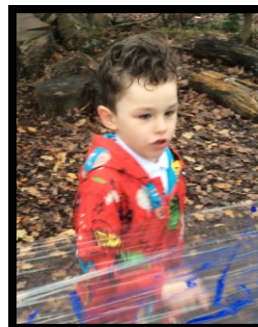
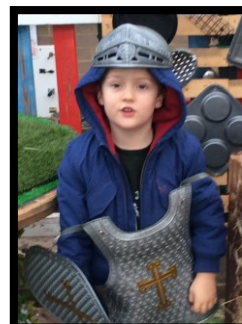
<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<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 had so much fun this term, meeting friends and growing! We are proud of our independence and all our learning. We really enjoyed our Christmas party and can't wait for new learning adventures next term.





Have a fabulous Christmas
and New year.

Mrs Pugsley and the
Preschool team