

# St Joseph's

## Preschool Newsletter



*It was lovely to see all the children back in Preschool and to catch up with all the news of celebrations over the Christmas break. We have also loved welcoming new friends to Preschool, they have settled in already!*

**DON'T FORGET** If you attend Preschool on Monday, it is 'Come to School in your Pyjamas day'. Please wear something warm underneath and wear sensible shoes.

### **Topic:**

We have started our new topic '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. Next week We will be reading 'Peace at Last' and continue to explore what happened with the world when we are asleep.

### Supporting your child at home

- 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.
- Talk about people who work at night such as the police, doctors and any family or friends who do night shifts.

### **Maths:**

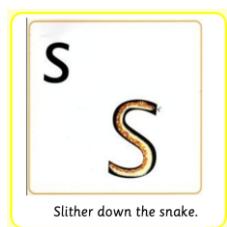
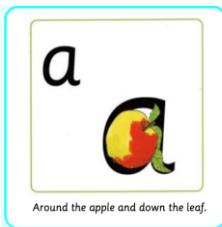
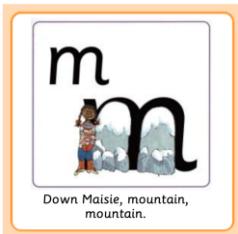
Next week we will be ordering numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6. Our special number will be number 3, looking at the different ways it is represented and composition of 3. We will also be working on identifying triangles counting sides.

### Supporting your child at home

- Make a smoothie or a fruit salad with a grown-up. Can you add 3 different types of fruit? Try making a yummy smoothie using strawberries, banana and mango or a fruit salad of apples, grapes and pears.
- Can you see the number 3 written on this page? Can you trace over the numbers at the bottom of the page? You could try writing a number 3 of your own.



Please use the QR codes below to recap the sounds we have been learning in class.



We have started our phonics programme with the children in Preschool. The programme that we use is Read Write Inc. As you will be aware, proficient reading lies at the basis of all educational activities and hence we want the children to make a really positive start. The QR codes will link you to engaging film clip activities for the children about each of the sounds. At this stage gaining knowledge of the sounds the letters make is the beginning of the path to successful reading. Please use the codes so that your child consolidates their learning and keeps up – rather than have to catch up!

## Our Star Poem

Winter is cold.  
There is snow in the sky.  
The squirrel gathers nuts,  
And the wild geese fly.  
The fluffy red fox  
Has his fur to keep warm.  
The bear's in her cave  
Sleeping all through the storm.



## 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 need of spare clothes, especially track suits bottoms, pants, knickers and socks. We would be very grateful for any donations.



**Mother's Day EYFS Assembly on 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15 pm**

**EYFS School trip to Black park - Reception children and those Preschool 2<sup>nd</sup> June children due to start Reception in 2026. More details to follow.**

**Preschool will be closed on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June**

**Father's Day EYFS Assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 2:15 pm**



**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>

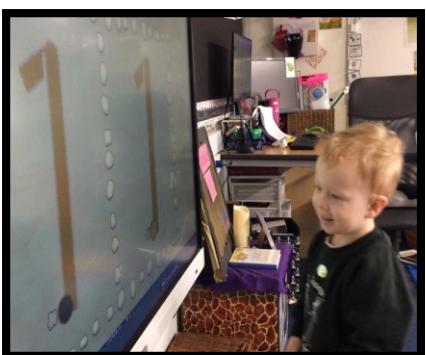
It has been out of this world this week! We have enjoyed rocket printing. We have landed on the moon in our rocket and read next to our moon rock.

We have enjoyed thinking about day and night, finding different places to sleep in the classroom.





We enjoyed investigating our outdoor area especially the ice. We tried to build an igloo but the ice kept slipping! We smashed the ice with our building tools and thought about different ways we could melt the ice.



We are getting very good at number recognition and formation. We love the ICT game at Preschool where we can follow the number formation with our fingers.

**Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team**