

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



We have had a fabulous week, coming to school in our pyjama's was such a treat!

Library books will come home this week, please make sure your child's book is in their bag on each session they attend.

Topic:

This week we will continue with our 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 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. We will be exploring different animals that are awake in the night.

Supporting your child at home

- **Go on a short walk after dark or go into the garden and see if you can see any signs of animals e.g. piles of leaves, paw marks, webs, snail trails.**
- **Make a collage of things you find in the garden and make a night time animal.**



Maths:

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

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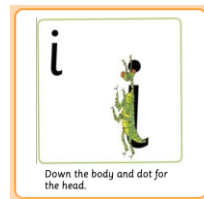
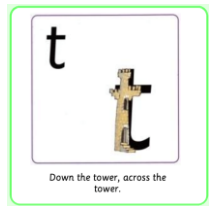
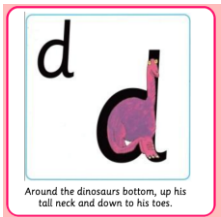
Form it: Make the number '4' with modelling clay, pipe cleaners, pasta, or even trace it in sand, flour, or with chalk on pavement.

Finger Painting: Use four different colours of paint for art, or finger paint the numeral '4'.

Number Hunt: Look for the numeral '4' in books, on packaging, or find four of a kind in your toy collection.

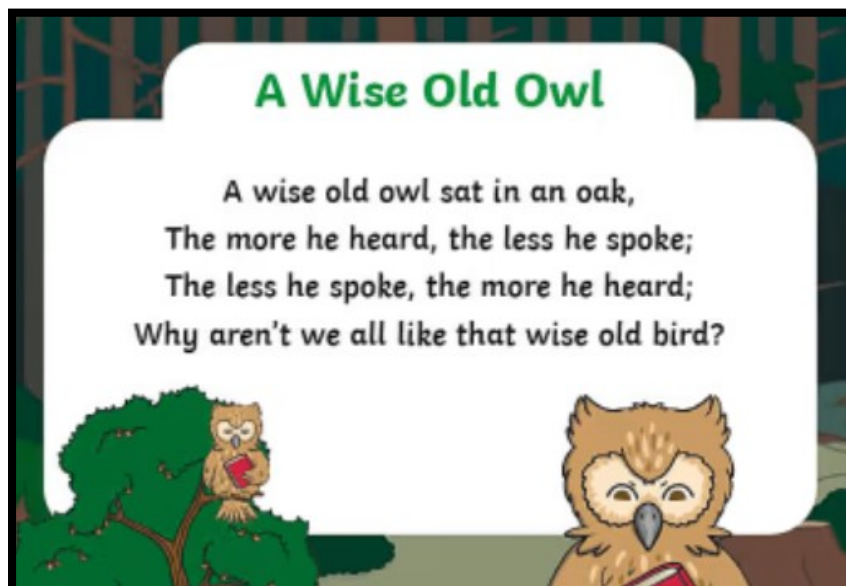


Please use the QR codes below to recap the sounds we have been learning in class.



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





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 would be grateful for boxes of tissues for our runny noses please.



Mother's Day EYFS Assembly on 13th March at 2:15 pm

EYFS School trip to Black Park - Reception children and those Preschool 2nd June children due to start Reception in 2026. More details to follow. Preschool will be closed on 2nd June.

Father's Day EYFS Assembly on 19th 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/>

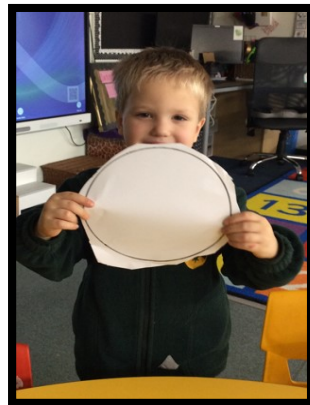
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



Pyjama day was fun, Mrs Pugsley wants to do it every day!

We have been working so hard on our scissor skills.

Our crafts this week have been out of this world!





We enjoyed making treats with three scoops of ice cream!

We are so proud of the learning and crafts we have made to show our understanding of day and night.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team