

# St Joseph's

## Preschool Newsletter



**The children are getting so much more independent! Please encourage the same independent skills at home e.g. putting on coats, going to the bathroom, using a knife and fork and washing their hands. This will all support them when they start Reception.**

### **Topic:**

This week we are continuing our topic 'Starry Night'; We have explored the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. We have thought about the importance of a good night's sleep, last week we explored animals at night. This week we will be reading 'How To Catch A Star' by Oliver Jeffers and will be thinking about what we can see in the night sky.

### **Supporting your child at home**

- Go on a short walk after dark and look at the sky, think about what is different to daytime.
- Count how many stars you can see.
- Draw a picture of a night sky.

### **Maths:**

Next week we will continue to order numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6. Our special number will be number will still be 4. We will continue to look 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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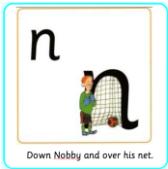
### **Composition**

**Block Towers:** Build towers with 4 blocks, using different colours to show parts (e.g., 2 red + 2 blue).

**Playdough Parts:** Make '4' with playdough, then break it into smaller groups (e.g., one part has 1, the other has 3).



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



## Our Star Poem

### Star Light, Star Bright

Star light, star bright,  
The first star I see tonight,  
I wish I may, I wish I might,  
Have the wish I wish tonight.



## 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 cold noses please.



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 enjoyed making shakers this week, using our pincer grip to pick up beans and lentils. We decorated our shakers and listened to the different noises they make.



Our Snack Monitors do a fabulous job handing out fruit and pouring drinks. This is a great time where children practise using their manners and eating together.





**Mark making to music is one of our favourite times.**



**Have a fabulous weekend  
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team**