

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



*Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle each day.
Many thanks*

Topic:

This week we are starting our mini topic 'Winter Wonderland'. This project teaches children about the changes that happen during winter, including the types of weather associated with winter. It also explores places that have snow all year round and the types of animals that live there. Next week we will be reading '*The Gruffalo Child*' by Julia Donaldson. We will be exploring snow and ice and the changes in our weather.

Supporting your child at home

Sensory Snow Play: Mix baking soda and shaving cream (or flour/oil) to create 'snow' for digging, scooping, and building, focusing on cold, soft textures.

Winter Colouring & Art: Use winter colouring pages (penguins, snowflakes) or paint with white/blue/silver to make winter scenes, developing hand-eye coordination.

Hot & Cold Exploration: Touch ice cubes vs. warm water, feel cold window panes, or make hot cocoa (with adult help), discussing temperature.

Maths:

Next week we will continue to order numbers 1,2,3,4,5,6. Our special number will be number 5. We will continue to look at the different ways it is represented and composition of 5.

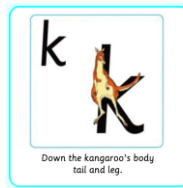
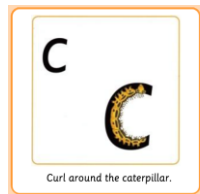
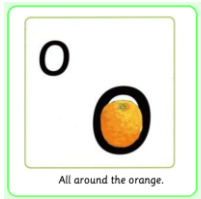
We will also be working on identifying pentagons by counting the sides.

Supporting your child at home

- Ask a grown-up or friend to place between 0 to 5 small objects in a bag. Without looking, feel inside the bag and count how many objects there are. Can you point to this number?
- Ask a grown-up to a tower using between 1 and 5 bricks. Count the number of bricks they used and hold up the matching number.



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



Our Star Poem

5 Little Mice (to the tune of 5 Little ducks)



5 little mice went out one day
Into the woods and far away
The Gruffalo roared and the mice said 'ack!'
And only 4 little mice came running back
(repeat with reducing mice until you get to zero)

Last verse:

1 Big Gruffalo went out one day
Into the woods and far away
5 little mice shouted 'Go away!'
The Gruffalo ran and the mice came back





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/>

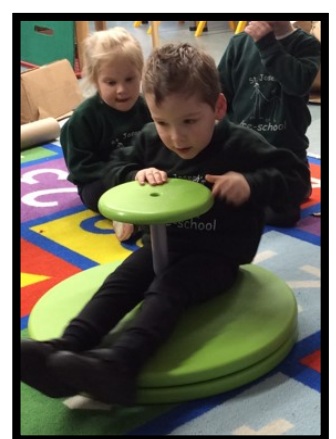
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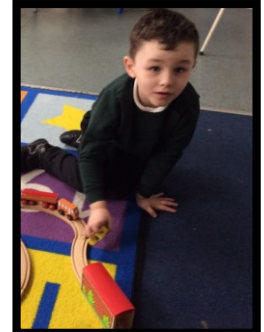
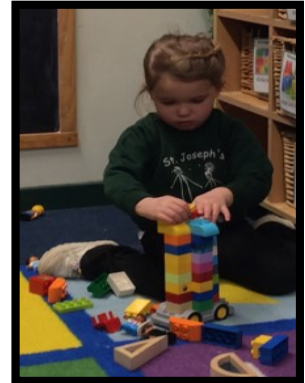
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

We have had a great week, with so many adventures. Mrs Pugsley ordered some supplies and we loved the boxes. Some of us were determined to fit in the smallest box!



We finally decided to try out the new toy! Spinning ourselves fast using all our core strength, this will help us become fabulous writers! We were so good at waiting for our turn.





Have a
fabulous
weekend
Mrs Pugsley
and the
Preschool
team