

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



Next week will be our last week before half term, please make sure you collect your children's wellies before Friday. Thank you.

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 Snow Bear' by Piers Harper. We will continue to explore snow and ice and the changes in our weather.

Supporting your child at home

- Dress independently and look after their belongings e.g., putting on and away own hats, scarfs, gloves.
- Go for a winter walk – and share some hot chocolate.
- Read – a range of winter stories – say hello to the snowy animals – read a range of non-fiction books about Polar animals/ penguins/ birds.

Maths:

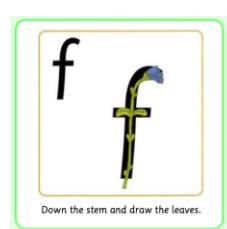
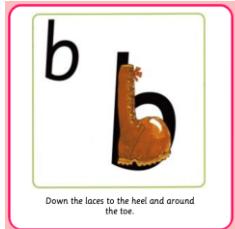
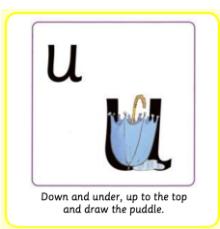
Next week we will continue to order numbers, we will recap our special numbers for this term 1,2,3,4,5. We will continue to look at the different ways it is represented and composition of 5. Using different mathematical concrete resources such as Numicon and number lines.

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

Frosty windows, wind blowing through my hair,
Rustling leaves everywhere,
Crunching, skipping beneath my feet,
As I briskly walk down the street.

The air now feels different,
A magical sight,
Not ice, rain or hail,
What could it be? So spectacularly bright.



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>



Here is some links for support and information on toilet training.

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/#step-3-stopping-using-nappies>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zhqts82#z8g8qyc>

<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/toilet-training>

We have enjoyed our craft this week, using shapes to make different crafts. *Winter Wonderland* has been our inspiration!





**Taking turns and
sharing while we learn
our numbers together!**

We all know how to tidy up, don't tell Mum!



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