

# St Joseph's

## Preschool Newsletter



**Have a fabulous break but don't forget to carry on practising phonics, counting and number recognition.**

**Topic:** Next term we will start our new topic Dangerous Dinosaurs, we will find out about prehistoric animals that lived on Earth. We will learn facts about dinosaurs and discover how big some of these giant creatures were. We will learn about the difference between carnivores and herbivores. We will also explore the animals that lived after the dinosaurs and which modern-day animals have prehistoric relatives.

### Supporting your child at home

- Visit the Natural History Museum.
- Fossil Dig: Bury plastic dinosaur toys in sand or playdough and have kids excavate them like Palaeontologist.
- Dinosaur Size Comparison: Use household items (string, boxes) to measure how big a dinosaur like Diplodocus or T-Rex would be next to your house or car

**Maths:** Next term we will be reciting numbers past 5. Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle'). We will link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5. We will also be exploring comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.

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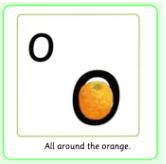
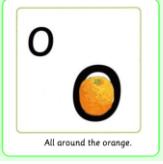
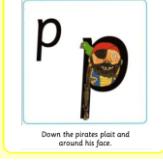
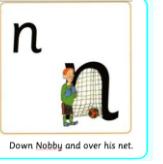
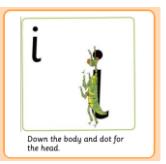
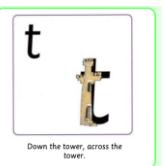
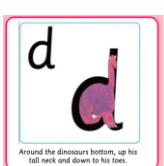
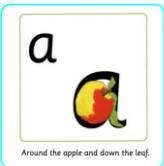
**Nature's Rulers (Length/Size):** Use natural items like sticks or leaves to compare the length of different objects in the garden. Use language like **longer, shorter, biggest, and smallest**.

**Kitchen Capacity Challenge:** Use different-sized cups, bowls, or spoons in the sink or bath time. Encourage your child to fill them with water and discuss which holds **more, less**, or is **full** or **empty**.

**Weight Investigation:** Use a simple balance scale (or even your hands) to compare the weight of different objects like a book and a toy. Introduce words such as **heavier** and **lighter**.



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



## Our Star Poem

### My Family is Mine

Some families are big, some are small,  
Some have one, and some have all.  
Some live near and some live far,  
We love them just the way they are.

## 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.



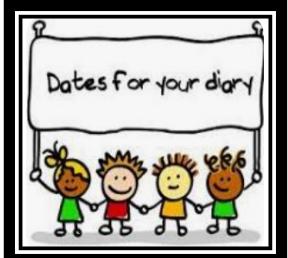
Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<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>



Mother's Day EYFS Assembly – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm

EYFS trip to Black Park for Reception and Preschool children - 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Children due to start Reception in 2026. More details to follow.

Father's Day EYFS Assembly – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2.15pm



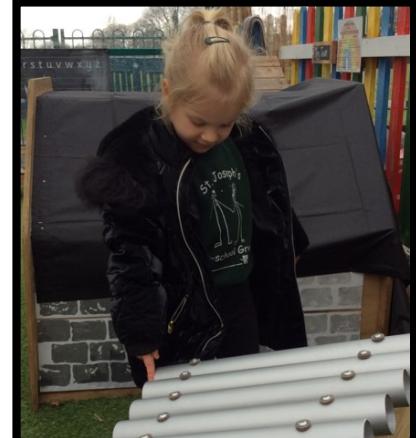
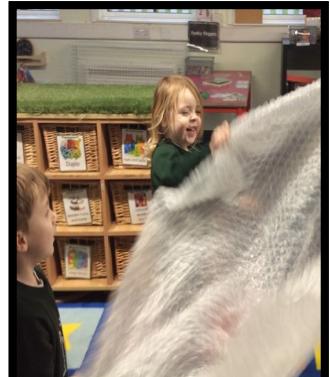
Here is some links for support and information on toilet training.

<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 had fun exploring our senses with bubble wrap, slime and tough dough. Our new outdoor musical instrument has helped us perform some songs. We have really enjoyed maths with giant numicon - making five!





Have a fabulous week,  
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team