

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



A polite reminder, Preschool finishes at 3:15 to allow staff to attend meetings and prepare for the following day. Please be prompt to pick up.

Also, when you are collecting your child at the end of the day, please be aware other children are being collected and parents may be awaiting behind you. If you need to speak to the class teacher please wait to the side until all children are dismissed.

Thank you for your support.

Topic:

Next week we will start our mini topic 'Puddles and Rainbows', we will learn about the weather associated with the season of spring. We will explore natural phenomena, including rainbows, clouds, rain and wind. We will investigate colours found in the natural environment and learn how to mix primary colours to make new colours.

Supporting your child at home

Let your child try mixing **primary colours** (red, blue, yellow) to make new colours.

Encourage them to paint or draw their own rainbow using the colours they created. Go on a "weather walk" and look for signs of spring—cloud shapes, puddles, sunshine.

Maths:

Next week, we will be introduced to balance scales as part of our early maths learning. We will have the chance to experiment with placing different objects on each side and watching what happens. Through hands-on play, we will begin to use important vocabulary such as *heavier* and *lighter*, noticing how the scales move and comparing the weight of everyday items.

This will help build early problem-solving skills, curiosity, and a growing understanding of how things in their world work.

Supporting your child at home

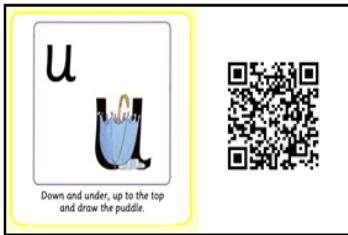
Find two small containers or bowls and balance them on a ruler placed over a round object (like a tin can) to make a simple balance scale. *If you already have balance scales at home, even better.*

Gather a selection of small household items such as:

- A spoon, toy car, pinecone, block, piece of fruit
- Encourage your child to choose **two objects** and predict which one they think will be *heavier* and which will be *lighter*.
- Place the objects on each side of the balance and watch what happens together.



Please use the QR codes below to recap this weeks focus sounds

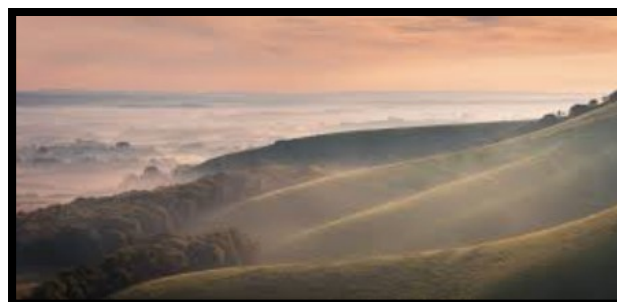


Our Star Poem

Murky Mist

Wind blows a bitter breeze.
Carry a coat in case you freeze.
Slip and slide on soggy leaves.
Spy the bony-fingered trees.

There's hardly any afternoon.
A murky mist obscures the moon.
Stay inside your cosy room,
safe and snug in your cocoon.



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.



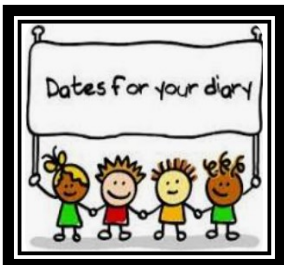
Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<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>



EYFS School Trip to Black Park – Reception children and those Preschool children due to start Reception in 2026. More information to follow.

Preschool will be closed on 2nd June

Fathers' Day EYFS Assembly – 19th June 2.15pm



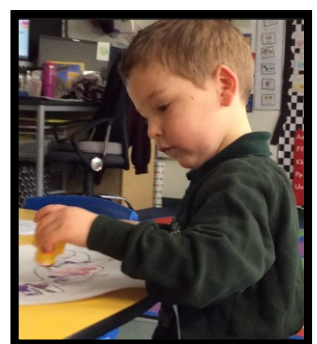
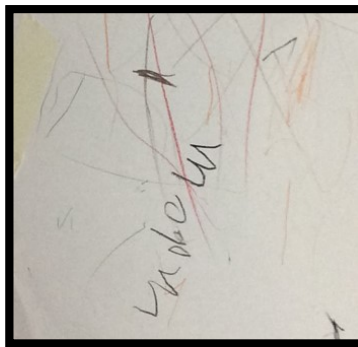
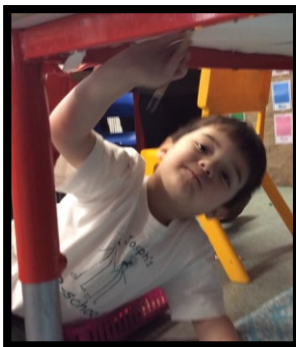
[Here is some links for support and information on toilet training.](#)

<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>

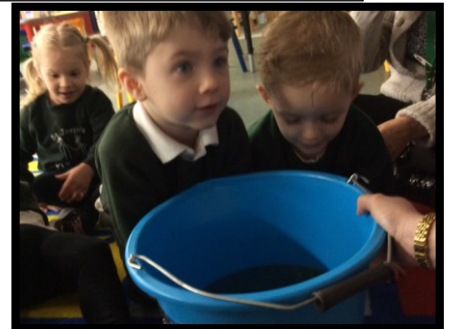
Using our focus book 'Cave Baby' as inspiration, we created our own cave under a table and started to create our own 'cave art'. Lying on our backs and writing under a table strengthened our shoulders, arms and core muscles ready for steady, confident writing. This position also supports the development of wrist stability and fine-motor control. It's a fun and exciting way to develop early writing skills.



In Maths we took our learning outside this week, talking about 'heavy and light', we weighed objects and even ourselves.



We found some first signs of spring and investigated some frog spawn and a few little tadpoles. We spoke about life cycles and thought about the different changes that happen.



Our special day was so much fun, the lions roared, the tin man found his heart, the witch found a nice pair of slippers and Dorothy went home!



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team