

# St Joseph's

## Preschool Newsletter



We have had a great term, blessed by the weather and a topic that the children have really enjoyed. It has been great to watch our plants grow in our allotment, I think the children are starting to sprout too!

### Topic:

Next term we will start our new topic 'On the Beach' This project teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

Our mini topic will be 'Moving It and Moving On'. We will explore our bodies and growing. We will also be thinking about moving into Reception and for some of us starting our second year at Preschool.

### Supporting your child at home

- Go for a day out at the beach, and investigate a rock pool.
  - Look at pictures of family days out at the beach and talk about the activities you enjoy.
  - Use Google Earth to look at images of seas and oceans around the world.
  - Share and discuss the Did you know? Resource
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- Read books about starting school
  - Wear school uniform to come to Preschool
  - Talk about changes in routine such as coming into school everyday in September.



**Phonics** – Over the half term, please continue to revisit the sounds that we have been learning. This will really support your child in preparation for Reception.

 Down Maisie, mountain, mountain.		 Around the apple and down the leaf.		 Slither down the snake.		 Around the dinosaurs bottom, up his tall neck and down to his toes.	
 Down the tower, across the tower.		 Down the body and dot for the head.		 Down Nobby and over his net.		 Down the pirates plait and around his face.	
 Around the girls face, down her hair and give her a curl.		 All around the orange.		 Curl around the caterpillar.			

## Our Star Poems

**Walking down the beach and what do I see?**

**I see a crab looking at me.**  
(Use hands like crab claws)



**Walking down the beach and what do I see?**

**I see a clam squirting at me.**  
(Make a squeezing motion with hands.)



**Walking down the beach and what do I see?**

**I see a sea gull flying up above.**  
(Flap wings like a gull)



**Walking down the beach and what do I hear?**

**My mother calling me, come back here!**  
(Walk back to Mom)



## 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.



**Next term we are starting our new topic 'At the Beach' - if you have any pictures of you and your child exploring the beach on holiday please send them in for our talk table. We will also be making an 'egg box ocean scene' please send in an egg box for your child's craft.**

**We are starting to get low on tissues and baby wipes, any donations are greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you for your support**



**Father's Day Event- 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – 1:30 - 3:00pm**

**School trip for Reception 2025 Children and current Reception – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Preschool sports day – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – 9-11am**



**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 have had a fabulous last week exploring Mini Beasts! Ask us anything about snails, we are experts!



We loved holding snails and making snails from clay!

Mr Morris showed us what a wasp's nest looks like and we learnt about how a wasp builds its nest!

We then spotted a nest that had just started in our outdoor shed, we put it in a jar for us to have a closer look!







We have explored more 2D shapes and have got good at identifying shapes and being able to explain how we know!

Mrs Pugsley had a chance to take a look at herself teaching when we decided to make our own classroom. There was lots of talk about being quiet when sitting on the carpet and putting your hand up to speak!

Thank you for all your support  
Have a lovely half term break.  
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team