# St Joseph's



## Preschool Newsletter

It is amazing to think we are coming to the end of term. This is our final newsletter of the year.

#### Topic:

Over the next few days we will continue with our topic 'Moving'. We will spend some more time in Reception so the children moving on can experience the classroom with the current Reception children.

Next week we will be reading different books about starting school and moving on.

#### Supporting your child at home over the holidays

- -Talk about the experiences they have had at school.
- -Think about friends that will be moving up to Reception and friends that are staying in Preschool.
- -Talk about the joint activities that Preschool and Reception will complete together and how the two Reception classes will also spend time together next year.
- Speak about how teachers will be working across the EYFS unit and will see all the children.
- -Our EYFS unit will come together during Nativity, assemblies, lunchtimes and special visitor events.
- We are all still a St Joseph's family and will see each other lots!
- If you are moving to a new school, look at the new school website and point out all the amazing things they do. Speak about how the children can still write a letter to Mrs Pugsley and she will write back!

Maths – We will continue to consolidate our number awareness and look at problem solving.

#### Phonics – Over the summer, please use the QR codes to revise sounds taught.







Web sites for young children, always review the sites ahead of time so that you are able to help your children find the best resources available within the sites. Some offer a great number of games, songs, stories, videos etc. so it is important to know the site well in order to support and develop your child's learning.

#### www.busythings.co.uk

Excellent site built around the 7 areas of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage. You can access a free 7 day trial but you need to subscribe after this period to access the content – various subscription packages available.

#### www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

Many games often recognised by children from their favourite programmes.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyfs/

Links to particular cheebies games from areas of learning.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories

cbeebies stories and rhymes.

http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/

Interactive books and reading activities to share with your child at home.

http://www.funwithspot.com/

New and improved! Try creating your own Spot story.

www.sebastianswan.org.uk

Books for reading together with links to understanding of the world (good for natural science).

http://www.ictgames.com/

Some excellent numeracy and literacy resources

http://www.ictgames.com/looCoverWriteCheck/LCWC\_demo/index.html

Good for spelling high frequency and tricky words!

http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html

Lots of maths and literacy games

www.boowakwala.com

Many games and songs including those relating to festivals.

http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37

Games of varying quality to support different areas of learning

### 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.



Last day of term - 23rd of July - 1pm finish.

There is no afternoon session on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July.

**Preschool start date – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** 



If you are having a clear out over the holidays, EYFS would love any donations particularly -

**Duplo** 

Lego

**Building blocks** 

**Construction toys** 

Small world wooden toys

**Dolls** 

**Barbies** 

**Plastic food** 

Wooden food

Thank you for your generosity

We enjoyed our bear-foot hike this week! Running, cloud watching, feet smelling and Mrs Pugsley squirting us with a hose were the highlights!



















It has been a pleasure to teach the children this year, thank you for all your support. We will truly miss the children that are leaving us and wish them well with their new schools.

We will particularly miss our very special Mrs Hart and hope she will still pop back and see us in between her adventures!

We hope you have a fabulous summer break.

**Mrs Pugsley and The Preschool team** 

