

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter – 26th June



Thank you for all your support during the hot weather. Please continue to send your child in with a sun hat and ensure sun cream is applied before school.

Topic: This week we are beginning our exciting new topic, “**Splash!**”

The children will be exploring all things water through play and investigation.

We will be learning about how to **stay safe around water**, as well as carrying out simple experiments to discover **floating and sinking**, and **freezing and melting**.

We will also be talking about why it is important for all living things to **stay hydrated** and how water helps our bodies to stay healthy. Next week our first topic read will be **Commotion in the ocean** by Giles Andreas.

Supporting your child at home

You may like to try some of these simple activities at home:

- **Floating and Sinking:**
Gather household objects (e.g. spoon, toy, cork) and test whether they float or sink in a bowl of water.
- **Ice Exploration:**
Freeze small toys in ice and encourage your child to find ways to melt the ice (warm water, salt, hands).
- **Water Safety Chats:**
Talk about where we find water (bath, sea, swimming pool) and simple safety rules such as staying close to an adult.
- **Hydration Reminder:**
Encourage your child to drink water regularly and talk about how it helps our bodies.
- **Water Play:**
Use cups, jugs and containers in the bath or garden to pour, measure and explore.

Maths: In our Maths we are consolidating our understanding **composition of the number 5**.

This means helping children understand that numbers are made up of smaller parts.

For example, your child is learning that 5 can be made in different ways, such as:

- 2 and 3
- 1 and 4
- 5 ones

This is known as understanding the “**part-whole**” relationship – seeing how numbers fit together.

Supporting your child at home

- Asking: “*How many altogether?*” when playing
- Exploring ways to make 5 using toys, snacks or fingers
- Encouraging your child to explain what they see (e.g. “I can see 4 grapes and 1 more”)



Please use the QR codes to recap our phonics sounds

Set 1 Sounds

QR codes until 22nd June

s S



Slither down the snake.



i i



Down the body and dot for the head.



m m



Down Mistic, mountain, mountain.



d d



Around the dinosaur bottom, up his tail and down to his toes.



n n



Down Nobby and over his net.



a a



Around the apple and down the leg.



t t



Down the tower, across the tower.



p p



Down the pilot and around his face.



g g



Around the girl's face, down her hair and give her a curl.




k k




Down the kangaroo's body tail and leg.




f f




Down the stem and draw the leaves.



o o



All around the orange.



u u




Down and under, up to the top and draw the puddle.



e e



Lift off the top and scoop out the egg.



c c



Curl around the caterpillar.



b b



Down the ball to the feet and around the toe.



l l



Down the long leg.



h h



Down the head, to his hooves and over his back.



v v



Down a wing, up a wing.



z z



Zig-zag-zig.



r r



Down the robot's back and curl over his arm.



y y



Down a horn, up a horn and under head.



x x



Down the arm and leg, repeat the other side.



j j



Down his body, curl, dot for his head.



w w



Down, up, down, up.



Star Poem

I can do hard things 

I am unstoppable.

Nothing is impossible.

I can jump the obstacles.

Problems are resolvable.

I am unbreakable,
very strong, unshakable.

Let me try – I'm capable.

Yes! I am sensational!

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.



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>



Preschool Sports day 9th July 9-11am - All children are invited to attend with parents.

Preschool will be closed on the 10th of July in the afternoon. If your child is due to attend a session on 10th of July all children will need to be collected by 11:45am.

Last day of term 18th July - Preschool will be only open half day, all children will need to be collected by 11:45am.



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>

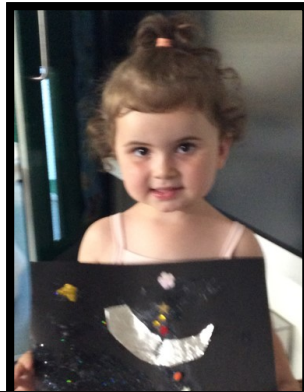
<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/toilet-training>

It has been hot but nothing has stopped the play and learning!

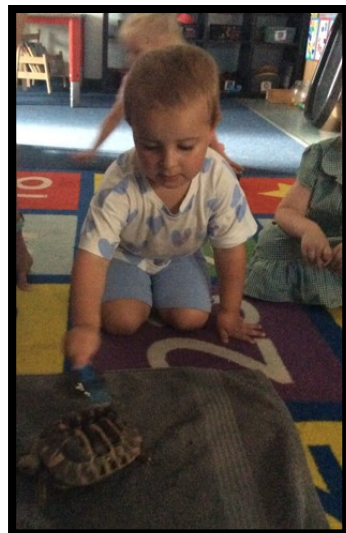


Quick... we need to catch the plane!





We loved helping Thelma and Louise stay cool!



Have a lovely, cool weekend!
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool Team.