

# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



It has been a great week back with the children settled and ready to learn. Thank you for all your support in revising phonics at home over the break and to all those who attended the phonics training on Thursday evening with Mrs O'Kane, this will greatly benefit your children. If you were unable to attend last night, but would be able to attend a 9.00am session - can you please let us know we will endeavour to run another workshop at that time. Please note that this would be a session that young children would not be able to attend with you.

### Topic:

This week we started our main topic '*Once Upon a Time*', the children will continue to explore the wonderful world of stories and make links to stories they know. They will listen to a range of traditional tales and have the chance to act out the stories in their play. They will also listen to alternative contemporary stories to see different viewpoints from the characters. They will use the stories to think about how life has changed from when the stories were written. They will also make up their own stories and make masks, props and puppets to act out their stories.

Next week our focus text will be '*Jack and the Beanstalk*'. The activities for learning will be based around the story and will encourage vocabulary development. We will be making connections to other stories with giants and castles that we are familiar with.

### Supporting your child at home

- Talk about your favourite stories from when you were young.
- Visit the local library and explore books.
- Read different versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and compare how the stories are the same and how they differ.

### Maths –

This week we will be consolidating our understanding of circles and triangles and looking for them in our environment. We will talk about the properties of different shapes and how we recognise them e.g. *A triangle has three sides and three corners, A triangle is a flat shape.*

### Supporting your child at home

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/primary-maths-age-4-5-reception/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkqf3j6/articles/zfh48hv>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zhtf3j6>

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning>



Below are QR codes that link to short engaging film clips about each sound.

You simply hover over the QR code with the camera of your phone or ipad and it will link directly to the clip.

## Phonics

### Set 1 Sounds

QR codes

s

S

Slither down the snake.



i



Down the body and dot for the head.



m



Down Maisie, mountain, mountain.



d



Around the dinosaur's bottom, up his tall neck and down to his toes.



n



Down Nobby and over his net.



a



Around the apple and down the leaf.



t



Down the tower, across the tower.



p



Down the pirates plait and around his face.



g



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



k



Down the kangaroo's body tail and leg.

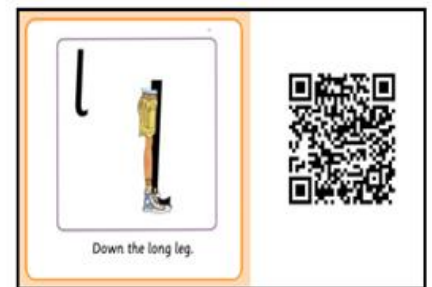
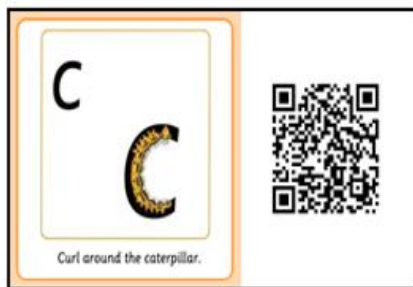
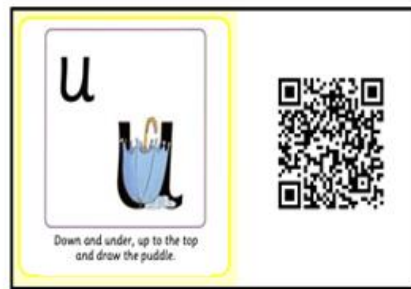
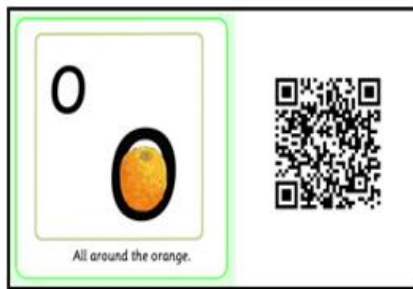


f



Down the stem and draw the leaves.





By this stage of Reception children should (as a minimum) be recognising and know the sounds of 16 of the sounds to be at the appropriate level. They should also be orally hearing consonant/vowel/consonant words when they are said in Fred Talk.

Example:

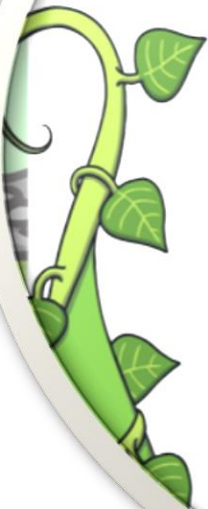
Adult says "c-a-t" in sounds – children recognise and say the word "cat".



## Our star poem

### Jack's Magical Beans

(Sing to the tune of 'Do Your Ears Hang Low?')



Magical beans now,  
Because Jack has sold his cow.  
Oh his Mum was very cross,  
But the beanstalk grew up, wow!  
Should he climb up to the top?  
Should he get halfway and stop?  
Magical beans now.



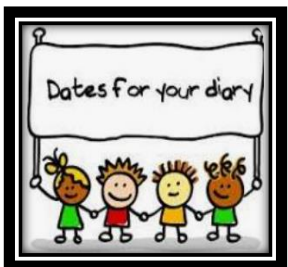
## Information:



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.



Snuffle season has started! we would be grateful for any tissues and baby wipes.



**Nativity Date - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9:30am.**

Please continue to practise your children's lines with them at home. Many thanks



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>





The children have had great fun being shape detectives. They have also enjoyed retelling the dragon story and have been writing crazy!





Thank you for all your support  
The Reception Team