

# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



What a fantastic first week. All the children have settled in well to their new classrooms and are enjoying making new friends. They have been very excited to explore their new learning environment.

**Topic:** This term we will start our new topic 'Me and My Community'. This project supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.

### Supporting your child at home

Look at family photographs together and discuss who is part of your family and extended family.

Look at baby photographs and talk about how they have grown.

Look at any childhood photographs of parents and grandparents.

Talk about the things you like to do together and places you like to go.

**Maths** – Next week we will be exploring 'Match, Sort and Compare'. The children will be introduced to the concept of matching. They will start by matching physical objects with other physical objects.

### Supporting your child at home

Provide many opportunities for children to recognise the attributes of familiar objects and point out how they are the same. Encourage children to say why they match and how they know.





Read Write Inc. Phonics is the UK's number one systematic synthetic phonics programme. It teaches children the sounds in English, the letters that represent them, and how to form the letters when writing.

We have started to learn phonics this week – The programme that we follow is Read Write Inc. Each day next week the children will learn a new sound. The first sounds are **m a d s t** and we will be focusing on one sound each day to ensure that this is embedded and the children can form the letter in writing correctly.

The children will bring home a letter formation booklet – it is essential that you do not race ahead, but rather work through the booklet – covering the sound we do each day. By doing this learning is reinforced and embedded. Please support your child each night with this work.

## Our Star Poem

### A Friend Is a Treasure

A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift.

A friend is someone we treasure, for our friendship is a gift.

A friend is someone who fills our lives, with beauty, joy, and grace.

And make the world we live in, a better and happier place.





## 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 love to fill in some holes we have in our outdoor area. If anyone is willing to donate some topsoil and gravel. Please speak to Mrs Pugsley.

We would like pictures of your child and members of their family, can you please send these into school in your child's book bags.

Thank you for your support



**EYFS Parent Curriculum Meeting- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 9am** – please make every effort to attend so that you have all the relevant information to support your child's learning.

**'Stay and read' sessions for parents**, week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please see Mrs Pugsley to book a slot.

**Parents Evening 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of October** – details to follow.

**Nativity Date - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9:30 am, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9:30am**-details to follow.



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 had an exciting week exploring and learning in their new classrooms.







Thank you for all your support. Have a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team