

St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter



What another great week! The children are settling in well to their routine and are really enjoying the activities and learning in the environment. This week we started our first phonics lessons and the children have been very engaged.

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.

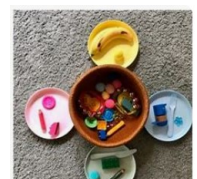
Maths – We will continue with, 'Match, Sort and Compare'. We will also be focusing on number formation and counting.

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Sock Sorting: Use a box filled with pairs of socks and ask children to sort them into different categories such as size, colour, or design.

Colour Sorting: Provide a box with colourful objects and ask children to sort them by colour.

Shape Sorting: Use toys or everyday objects that come in different shapes and ask children to sort them by shape.





In RWInc Phonics lessons - the children learn a new sound each day. The sounds this week are:

i n p g o.

The children will learn to identify the sound / the rhyme that goes alongside the sound and to form the letters in writing.

Please continue to go over the sounds from last week **m a d s t.**

The children will bring home new pages for the new sounds each week, in the 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 re-enforced and embedded.

Please support your child each night with this work.

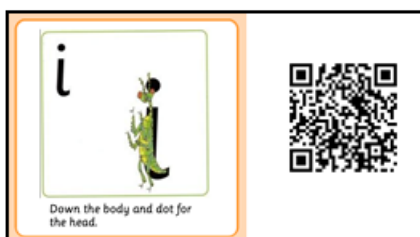
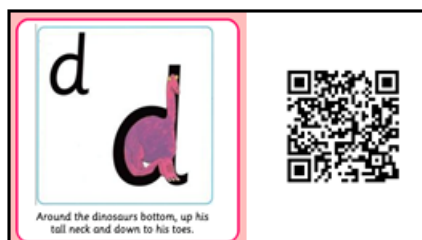
Below are QR codes that link to short engaging film clips about each sound.

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

It is essential that children get off to a strong start with phonics to support their reading development. Reading is the key to accessing the entire curriculum.

Please make every effort to support your child with these initial stages –

IT IS MUCH BETTER FOR THEM TO KEEP UP – RATHER THAN HAVING TO CATCH UP!





Our Star Poem

Families

Families are big,
and families are small.
Families are different, and we love them all.
Some have mothers.
Some have fathers.
Some have sisters, and some have brothers.
I love my family!



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We would like pictures of your child and members of their family. It is for a lovely activity we are doing next week.



-EYFS Parent curriculum meeting- Monday 22nd September 9am

-‘Stay and read’ sessions for parents, week beginning 6th of October. Please see Mrs Pugsley to book a slot.

-Parents Evening 14th and 15th of October – details to follow.

-Nativity Date - Tuesday 2nd December 9:30 am, Wednesday 3rd December 9:30am- details to follow.



Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

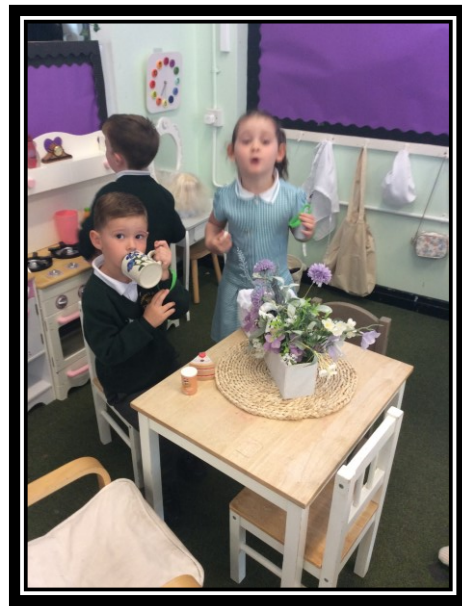
<https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/home-learning-environment/small-talk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



The children had another exciting week exploring and learning in their new classroom.





Thank you for all your support. Have a lovely weekend

The Reception Team