

St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter



Another fantastic week for the Reception children. What a credit they were to both you and us this afternoon in their Welcome Liturgy. Their confidence shone through showing just how well they have settled into life at St Joseph's.

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 – This week we will be Talking about 'Measure and pattern'.

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Use containers: Fill different

sized containers with water or sand and have your child compare the volumes. Encourage your child to use language like "full," "empty," and "contains more/less than."

Use various household items: Make patterns using blocks, toys buttons, cars etc.





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

c k u b

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 few weeks.

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.

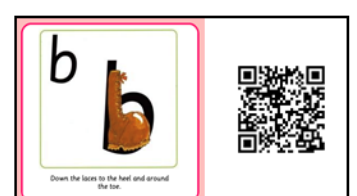
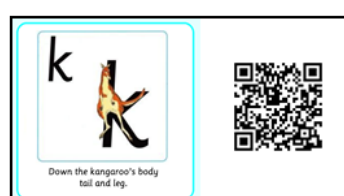
Below are QR codes that link to short engaging film clips about each sound.

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





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.



If you have any bowls or basket as pictured, we would greatly appreciate them in our Early Years Unit.



Friday 3rd of October Forest School for BOTH classes – Please send wellies and appropriate overalls (if needed)

- '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 next week.

- Nativity Date – Wednesday 3rd December 9.00am



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

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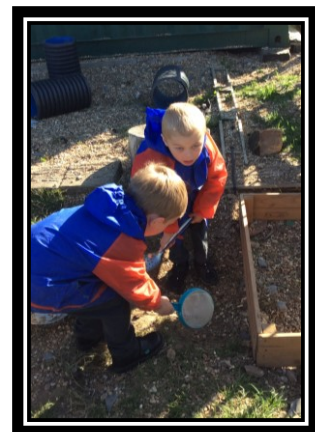
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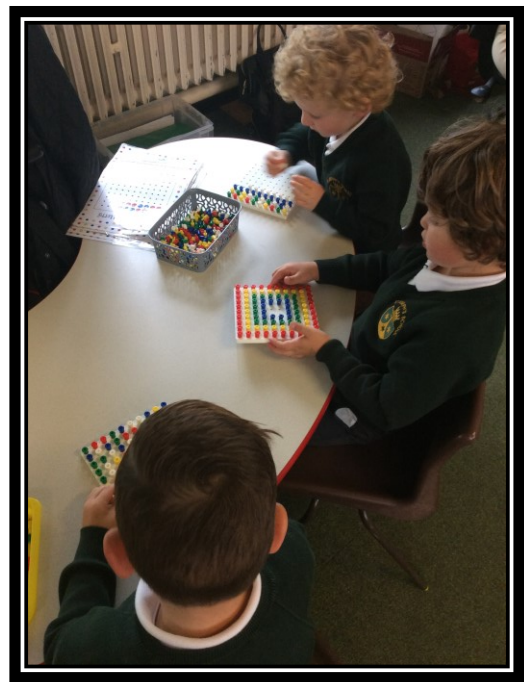
<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

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



The children had an amazing week in Reception. They have been pretending to be teachers, chefs, dancers and builders!





Thank you for all your support. Have a lovely weekend

The Reception Team