

St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter



We have thoroughly enjoyed this week. The children were so excited to have visitors that link to our topic and asked some really well thought out questions.

Topic: Next week we have one more exciting visit to finish off our main topic. We will then be starting our new topic 'Exploring Autumn'. This project teaches children about the natural changes that happen during the season of Autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.

Supporting your child at home

- Go for an Autumn walk and look for changes in the environment. Explore this link and talk about the different things we can see during Autumn.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvIh7nrEdeM>
- Create some winter art.



Maths – We will be consolidating our understanding and knowledge of patterns.

We will also be exploring the numbers 1, 2 & 3. We will be finding, subitising and making numbers as well as finding one more and one less.

Supporting your child at home

- Collect 5 pebbles and 5 leaves from outside. Make a pattern that goes, 'pebble, leaf, pebble, leaf'. Can you complete it? You could paint the pebbles different colours and make patterns with the colours.
- Can you make a pattern with the fruit from the fruit bowl, or the biscuits in the biscuit tin? Try this one: 'banana, banana, grape, grape' or 'apple, pear, orange, apple, pear, orange'. How many more can you make?



Read Write Inc.

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.

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

f e l h

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 .

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.

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!

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 dinosaurs 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 girls face, down her hair and give her a curl.

k



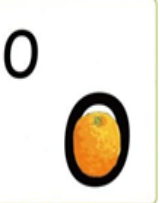

Down the kangaroo's body tail and leg.

f




Down the stem and draw the leaves.

o




All around the orange.

u




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

e




Lift off the top and scoop out the egg.

c




Curl around the caterpillar.

b




Down the laces to the heel and around the toe.

l




Down the long leg.

h




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



Our star poem

Autumn Leaves

(Sung to the tune of Baa Baa Black Sheep)

**Autumn leaves are falling
down.**

**Can you hear the crunchy
sound?**

**Pile them up and jump right
in,**

**Twirl around and take a
spin!**

**Throw them way up high in
the air**

**Autumn leaves are
everywhere!**



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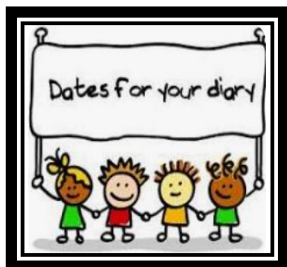


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If you are on your Autumn walk we would love some Pine cones for our Autumn display.

If you have any paper plates or cups at home you would like to donate to our craft stock we would be very grateful.



Friday 10th 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.

Nativity Date - Wednesday 3rd December 9:30am.



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>



We have had a great week exploring emergency services. We really enjoyed our visit with Nurse Suzie and Paramedic Bella!





Thank you for all your support. Have a lovely weekend
The Reception Team