

St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter



What a fabulous half term! The children have grown so much already! They are settled and are becoming independent. We are so proud of the start they have made, especially with Phonics! Working together has seen the children make good progress, thank you for your support at home with phonics and reading.

Topic:

Next half term will be very busy as we lead up to the celebration of Christmas. As well as our traditional celebrations we will also have exciting topics. Our main topic is the 'Once Upon a Time', your child will continue to explore the wonderful world of stories. 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.

Supporting your child at home

- Over the break please take the opportunity to share lots of stories with your children, talking about the stories and thinking about events in the stories.
- Talk about your favourite stories from when you were young.
- Visit the local library and explore books.

Towards the end of next half term, we will complete our mini topic 'Sparkle and Shine'. This project teaches children about the celebrations that take place during the Autumn and Winter seasons, and focuses on the significance and symbolism of light at this time of year.

Maths – Next term we will continue exploring number and consolidating our understanding. We will also be exploring 2D shapes.

Supporting your child at home

Consolidating learning from school at home ensures your children are fully immersed in learning and are able to retain what they have learnt at school. Please find some links to support your understanding and some links to support your child learning from 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.

In RWInc Phonics lessons - the children learn a new sound each day.

The children 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 this half term, so that the children continue to consolidate their learning over the holiday. The teachers have sent home printed copies of the QR codes that are below.

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 –

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HAVING TO CATCH UP!

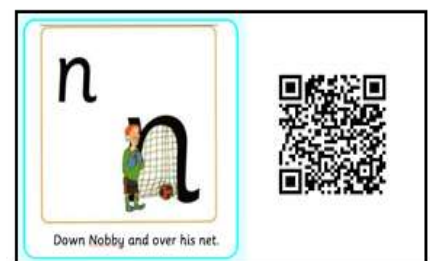
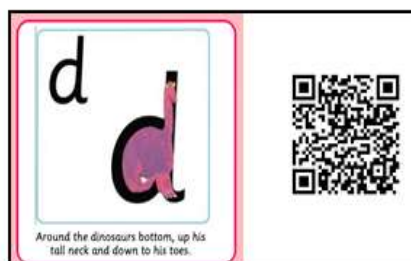
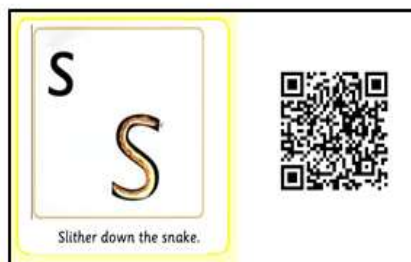
Important Diary Date - Read Write Inc (Phonics) Workshop

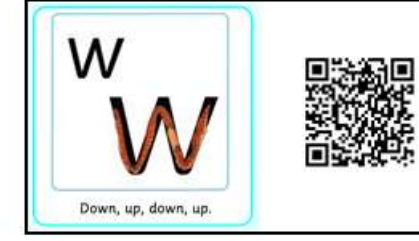
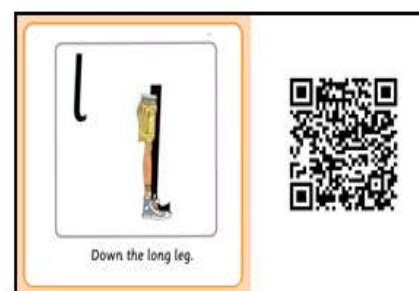
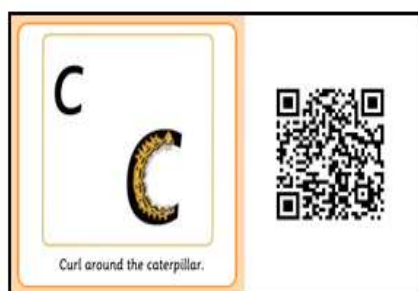
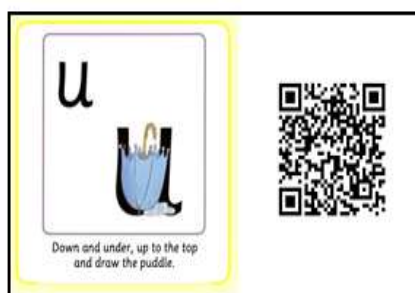
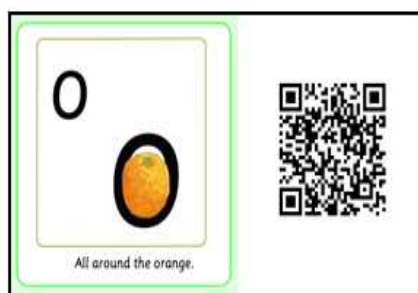
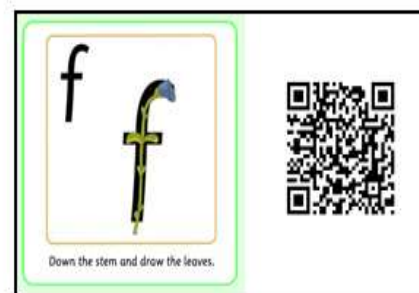
This session is for Reception Parents on **Thursday 6th November 7.00pm.**

Please make every effort to attend, so that you are able to support your child in the foundation stages of learning to read. This will help them get off to a flying start with their educational journey

Set 1 Sounds

QR codes





We are sending a paper copy of QR codes in the children's Phonics folders. This will support you accessing the resources on-line.



Our star poem



FIVE LITTLE LEAVES

Five little leaves
Flying by my door
One red leaf blew away.
And then there were four.

Four little leaves
Falling down on me
One orange leaf blew away.
And then there were three.

Three little leaves
Falling down on you.
One yellow one blew way.
And then there were two.

Two little leaves
Having lots of fun.
One green leaf blew away.
And then there was one.

One brown little leaf
Sitting in the sun,
It blew away.
And then there were none.





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 are on an Autumn walk we would love some pine cones for our Autumn display.

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



Read Write Inc Phonics Workshop - Thursday 6th November 7.00pm.

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

We will be sending out parts and lines for you to practice with your child over the half term. We will begin rehearsing when we return



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>



What a fantastic last week! The children have enjoyed doing 'Fred Talk' - learning to sound out and blend words, making Pumpkin Soup and writing prayers. A special thank you to our parent readers for last week.





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

The Reception Team