

St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter



Please remember-

**Sign your child's reading diary every night. The diary is checked daily.
Return library books every Thursday, so your child can pick a new book.**

Thankyou

Topic:

We will continue with our topic 'Starry Night'; This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals. Next week we carry on exploring 'How to Catch A Star' by Oliver Jeffers. We have stepped out the story, made story maps. This week we will be using our phonics to create a sentence.

Supporting your child at home

- **Talk about what the children have learnt this week in class, ask the children to step out the story.**
- **Ask your child to draw you a story map and explain the story.**

Maths – Next week in maths we will be exploring the numbers 6,7,8,

- **Finding 6, 7 and 8 in the environment**
- **Representing 6, 7 and 8 in different ways**
- **Finding out how to solve number problems with one more and one less.**
- **Looking at the composition of 6, 7 and 8**

Supporting your child at home

How to Set up a shop challenge

- **With your child, count eight pennies into a small bag or purse.**
- **Next, create a pretend toy shop. Gather a selection of toys and write price labels (6p, 7p or 8p) for them on small pieces of paper. All the toys in the shop should cost either six, seven or eight pence.**
- **Once you have labelled the toys, invite your child to be the customer while you take on the role of the shopkeeper. Ask your child which toy they would like to buy and how much it costs.**
- **Invite your child to count out the number of pennies needed to buy their chosen toy. Count the pennies together to check.**
- **Then, swap roles. Choose a toy to buy from the shop and invite your child to count them to check you have given them the correct number of coins to buy the toy.**

Our star poem

Star Light, Star Bright

Star light, star bright,
The first star I see tonight,
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have the wish I wish tonight.



Phonics

Please continue to use the Home Learning support booklet provided to help progress your child's learning.

The children have now moved into smaller coloured teaching groups – so that they can progress at the appropriate level. Please have a look at the letter that was sent home with the children this week that will inform you of the group your child is in.

Please refer to the booklet sent home (for home support) that will give you an indication of whether your child is making expected, below or greater progress.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding phonics please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.



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.



Mother's Day EYFS Assembly

13th March 2:15 pm

Reception Year Group Assembly

7th May 9.00am

**EYFS School trip to Black Park-
Reception children and Preschool
children due to start Reception in
2026. More details to follow.**

2nd June

Father's Day EYFS Assembly

19th June 2:15 pm

We still need some spare school clothes for boys and girls. We also need spare underwear and socks. If you are having a sort out please think of us.

We would also like some garments with zips, to set up a zip station.



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 have been excited and engaged about our new story 'How To Catch A Star'. We have really enjoyed exploring weight and capacity!





Thank you for all your support
The Reception Team