

# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



Please make sure your child brings their **Green** Phonics folder and their **Red** reading folder each day. Please do not mix up the folders. Many thanks  
Reception Team.

**Topic: Next term, get ready to travel back in time and become a Dinosaur Detective! During this exciting project, we will explore the incredible world of prehistoric animals that roamed the Earth millions of years ago. We will uncover fascinating facts about dinosaurs, investigate just how enormous these creatures really were and discover the important differences between fearsome meat-eaters (carnivores) and plant-eaters (herbivores). Get ready to become young scientists by exploring which animals survived after the dinosaurs — and which animals alive today might be their ancient relatives!**

### **Supporting your child at home: Make them a mission!**

*Mission 1: Expert Researcher Challenge*

Visit the Natural History Museum website and become dinosaur experts. Can your child find the most surprising or unbelievable dinosaur fact? Bonus challenge: Explain why it is surprising!

*Mission 2: Class Expert Challenge*

Research a dinosaur of your choice. Can your child discover:

- What it ate?
- How big it was? (compare it to something familiar like a car or house!)
- One unusual or scary fact.
- Be ready to share this with the class.

**Maths – Next term we will become a Number Explorer! We will be building confidence with numbers up to 10 and beyond, investigating exciting 3D shapes, and exploring measurement through fun, real-life challenges.**

**-Growing and exploring numbers 6, 7, and 8**

**- Building and mastering numbers 9 and 10**

**-Discovering and investigating 3D shapes**

**-Exploring length, height, and time through practical activities**

### **Home learning challenge:**

Can you find different ways to make numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10?

*Try using: toys, snacks, socks, blocks*

## Our star poem

# My Family is Mine

Some families are big, some are small,  
Some have one, and some have all.  
Some live near and some live far,  
We love them just the way they are.



## Phonics

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



## 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**

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2:15 pm**

**Reception Year Group Assembly**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Father's Day EYFS Assembly**

**19<sup>th</sup> 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. Also, if you have any old pairs of socks which we could use for a Maths activity, we would be very grateful.

**We no longer require items for our junk modelling, thank you for the previous donations.**



**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/>

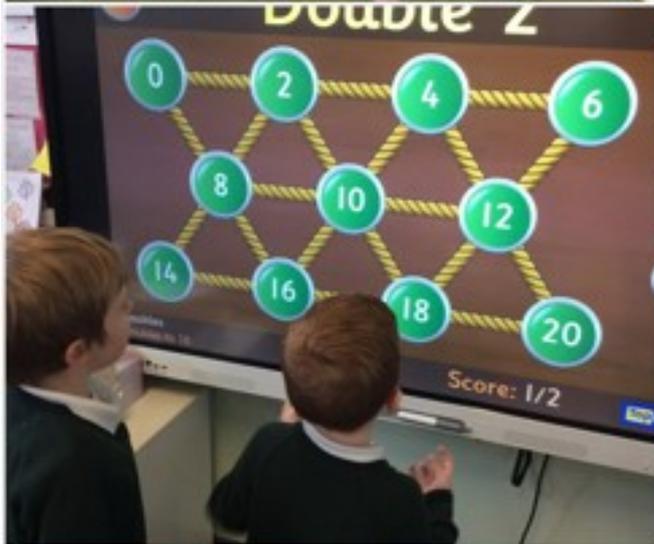
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



In PSHE we have been discussing how to be a good friend and the importance of caring for others. We have shown this in our play by always sharing and being kind. Our practical Maths skills were put to the test when we gathered with our Yr 6 buddies to measure each other's feet.



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Have a fabulous half term, thank you for all your support  
The Reception Team