

St Joseph's



Reception Newsletter

A reminder that this coming week is Book Week, with the theme of Wizard of Oz. Thursday 19th is dress up day as a Wizard of Oz character.

Topic:

We are still on a mission to uncover fascinating facts about dinosaurs next week, we have done a "roar-some" job so far. This week, we are continuing to read 'Dear Dinosaur' by Chae Strathie and will be writing letters to our own dinosaur friends.

Supporting your child at home: Make them a mission!

Listen to the story 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs'.

Listen to the story of Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs; spend time exploring all sorts of dinosaur maths including counting. You could also make a list of the different dinosaur names.

Maths – Next week, we will be discovering 3D shapes, exploring their properties and identifying where we see them in the real world.

We will also be regularly recapping our number bonds to five (0 and 5, 1 and 4, 2 and 3) so that we can recall these really quickly.

Home learning challenge:

We have had great fun learning our number bonds to 5 this week and there are some great games online that you can play to practise.

See the links below:

[Game 1](#)

[Game 2](#)

[Game 3](#)

[Game 4](#)



Phonics

This week, at parents evening or in your child's bag, you will have received an updated Home Learning Support Booklet specific to your child's phonics group. Please continue to use this to further progress your child's learning.

Our Star Poem

Brilliant Things

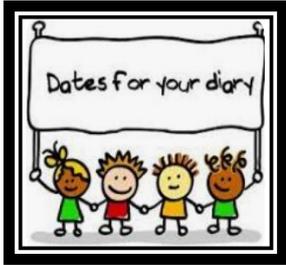
Running free.
Blowing
bubbles.
Dance with
glee.
Stamp in
puddles.
Into my shoes
the water
goes.
Now I've got
squelchy toes!



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.



Reception Year Group Assembly
9.00am

7th May

**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 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>

Important Information about Picking up at the end of the day

There are an increasing number of parents allowing their children on the equipment in the Key Stage 1 playground—whilst waiting to pick up in the evening. It is disappointing that even when asked not to do so—some parents have ignored the staff and carried on the next evening. **A reminder that the play equipment is not to be used by any children before or at the end of the school day.** We ask all parents to please keep your children with you.

Staff will ask you to remove your children if you put them on the equipment—please do not put them in the position to have to do so while they are also trying to safeguard their classes at handover.



Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Mummy's!
Thank you for joining us at the Chitty Chatty Tea Party!



Have a lovely weekend
The Reception Team