

# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



The children have had another great week of exploring, discovering and learning.

Our next topic is 'On the Beach' - This project teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

Our key text for the first two weeks is 'Sally's Limpet'.

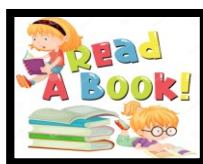
How you can support your child at home:

- Go for a day out at the beach, and investigate a rock pool.
- Look at pictures of family days out at the beach and talk about the activities you enjoy.
- Use Google Earth to look at images of seas and oceans around the world.

Maths- We will be revisiting and exploring shape in greater depth.

**Maths Talk and Learn: Supporting White Rose Manipulate, Compose and Decompose**

<p><b>Select Shapes for a Purpose</b> triangle, circle, rectangle, square, cube, sphere, cuboid, pyramid, belong, doesn't belong, choose</p> <p>Talk about which shapes belong and don't belong. Can you explain why?</p> <p>Look at these shapes. Which would you use if you want to build a rocket? Why would those shapes work well?</p>	<p><b>Manipulate Shapes</b> move, turn, rotate, flip, look, different, position, complete</p> <p>How can these shapes fit inside this outline?</p> <p>Which shapes will fit inside this box? How will you need to move them so they can go inside?</p>	<p><b>Explain Shape Arrangements</b> arrange, behind, next to, in front of, move, around</p> <p>Can you explain to the pirate how to get to the end of the obstacle course?</p> <p>Look at the shape picture. What shapes can you see? Where are they? Can you explain to someone else how to make the same shape picture?</p>
<p><b>Rotate Shapes</b> match, shape, fit, rotate</p> <p>Which of these shapes are the same?</p> <p>Which shape will fit into this space?</p>	<p><b>Challenge Yourself:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find a collection of shapes to sort. Why do these shapes belong together? Why do these shapes not belong?</li> <li>• Choose some boxes or bricks of different shapes. Which will you choose to build a model? Why have you chosen these?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Challenge Yourself:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the pieces of a tangram to make pictures of animals. What animals can you make?</li> <li>• Make different models using 5 interlocking bricks. What do they look like when you flip them?</li> </ul>



Can we please ask that you work in partnership with us to help your child reach their full potential by reading with them, signing the record and ensuring it is in school every day. Additionally, please continue to use the QR codes sent and play Fred games with your child. This will greatly improve their progress in reading and writing.

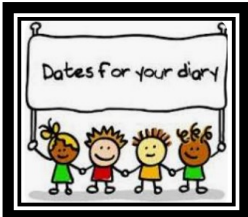


## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To protect your child in the sun, please ensure that they have a labelled hat and water bottle. Please note that the children should have a school hat – these are now in stock with the uniform supplier. We would also ask that you apply sun cream in the morning.



- If you any spare bottoms, underwear or socks to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.
- Nappy bags and wipes would also be greatly appreciated.
- Boxes of tissues for the classroom.
- Can you please send in some pictures of your children at the beach.



Fathers' Day Event – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 130- 3pm

Reception school trip – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

School Sports morning – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June am



[Topmarks: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/@MagicActivity>

[Play it! - EYFS - Reception - BBC Bitesize](#)



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**Highlights:** The children have loved exploring minibeasts and learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly.





We have been busy learning about subtraction, being artists and have had great fun in the outdoor area.



## Poem of the week!

### I Built a Castle on the Beach

I built a castle on the beach.

I used a ton of sand.

I wanted it to be the biggest  
castle in the land.

It took all day to get it right.

The work was such a hassle.

A single wave then came along.

Goodbye. I miss you, castle.

— Kenn Nesbitt



*Have a lovely half-term. Thank you for your support  
The Reception Team.*