

# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



The children have had a great week back at school and are very excited about their last half term!

Our 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 focusing on sharing and grouping. This is a topic that was looked at earlier in the year but as the children are getting ready to move on to KS1 it is important that these fundamental maths skills are embedded for the children.



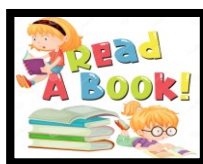
Show children a bowl of strawberries and two plates. Explain that you are going to share the strawberries so that each plate has the same number. Put a handful straight onto each plate without counting, making sure that one plate clearly has more strawberries than the other.



Ask children whether it is fair. Prompt them to show you how to share the strawberries fairly. What if there are three plates?

Provide opportunities for children to see items shared equally and unequally. Give each child a noticeably different handful of cards – is it fair?

Do all the children have an equal number of cards?



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.

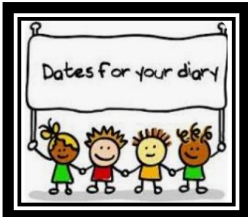


To protect your child in the sun, please ensure that they have a labelled hat and water bottle. We would also ask that you apply sun cream in the morning.

Thank you for your cooperation.



- 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.



Father's Day event – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1:30- 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 their first week back and exploring outside.





We have enjoyed being back in the classroom and embracing our learning!



## Poem of the week!



### At the Seaside

When I was down beside the sea  
a wooden spade they gave to me  
to dig the sandy shore.

My holes were empty like a cup,  
in every hole the sea came up,  
till it could come no more.

by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your support  
The Reception Team.*