St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter

6th November 2026

It has been lovely to see the children back after the two-week break. They have returned confidently, settled quickly into the environment, and shown great excitement and curiosity as we begin our new topic.



Please ensure that your child brings a coat and a pair of wellington boots to school so they can fully access and enjoy our outdoor learning area.

School Photographs – Tuesday 10th November. If your child does not normally attend Preschool on this day, they are welcome to come to school to have their photograph taken. Please bring your child to the school office and remain with them while they wait for their photograph.

Topic

This week, we started our new topic, **Marvellous Machines**. The children have been exploring different machines in the world around them, discussing how they help us, and drawing their favourite machines, including rockets and diggers.

Supporting Your Child at Home:

- **Talk about the machines and technology you use every day.**
- **Look for items in your home that use electricity.**
- **Find objects that are powered by batteries and discuss how they work.**

Maths

We have been learning about the term 'match' and 'pairs', looking at objects that are the same. Next week, we will be looking at matching shapes.

Supporting your child at home:

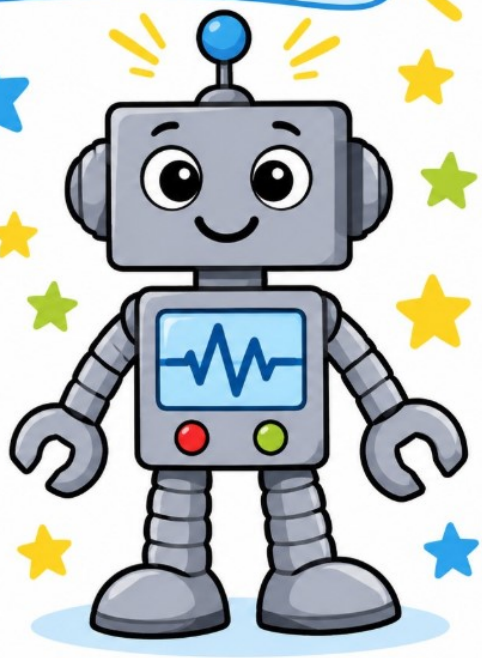
- **Look for numbers 1, 2 and 3 in everyday life and encourage your child to count small groups of objects.**
- **Play simple games where your child can quickly recognise groups of 1, 2 or 3 items without counting.**
- **Talk about shapes you can see around the home and use positional language during play, for example, "Put the teddy under the chair" or "Place the car next to the box."**

Our Star Poem

I'm a little robot

I'm a little robot,
I feel great.
When I touch my legs,
I walk real straight.

When I touch my Shoulders,
I spin around.
And when I touch my nose,
I sit on the ground.



Our story of the week is Peppa Pig's Family Computer by Neville Astley. Through this story, the children have been exploring computers and keyboards, identifying familiar letters, phonics, and numbers. As part of their learning, the children also enjoyed creating their own Peppa Pig masks, developing their creativity and fine motor skills. We are very proud of their fantastic work, and we think the masks look wonderful!



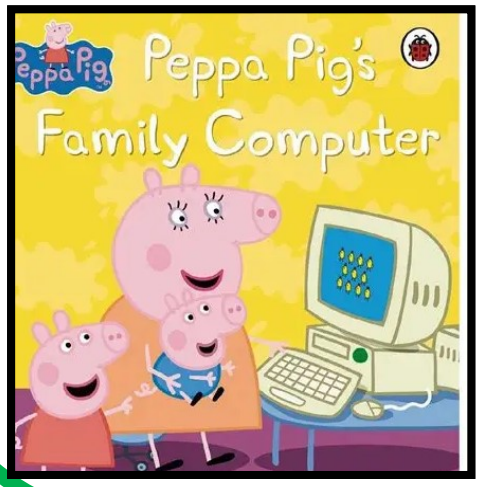








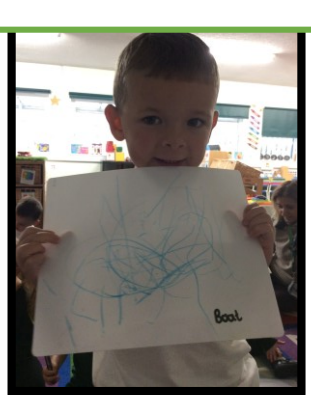






The children have enjoyed drawing pictures of a variety of machines and developing their early writing skills by practising our phonics sound of the week, 'a'. Through these activities, they have been building their creativity, fine motor skills, and confidence in mark-making and letter formation. Take a look at some of their fantastic drawings and writing samples showcasing their hard work and progress.

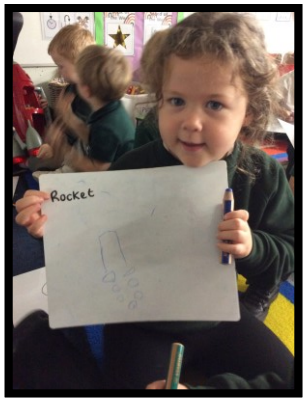






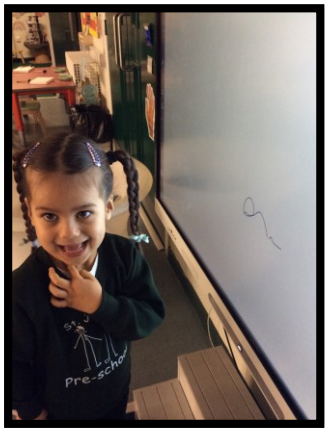


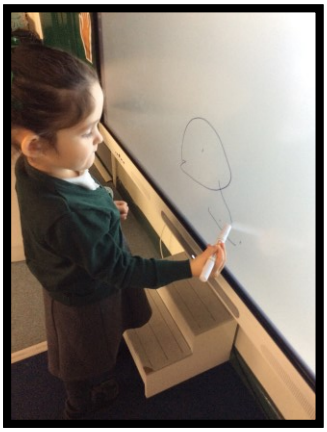






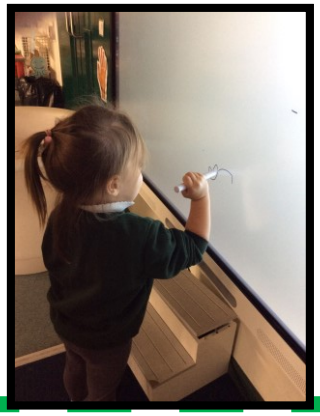
















Bounce: a-a-a-a-apple
Handwrite: Round the apple, down the leaf








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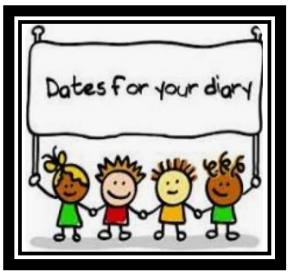




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We are still in the season where we have lots of coughs and colds, we would be very grateful for any donations of Tissues. Many thanks



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 10th November – School photographs

Friday 13th November – Children In Need (Children can wear clothing with spots!)

Monday 14th December – Preschool Christmas Singalong

Tuesday 15th December & Thursday 17th December – Forest School dates.

If your child attends on these dates please ensure they have wellies and waterproofs.



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

Thank you for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend!



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