St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter

13th November 2026



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.

As we are entering cold and sniffly season, we would really appreciate any donations of tissues for our preschool. Many thanks.

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

Our star number this week has been the number 2. We have been looking in our environment to see if we can see the number 2 around us. We have also been sorting and matching objects to create our own pairs of two.

Supporting your child at home:

- **Go on a hunt for the number 2 on doors, blocks, books and packaging.**
- **During mealtime, count out two pieces of fruit, crackers or raisins.**
- **Find a pair of matching two socks, shoes or gloves together.**
- **Counting actions-do two jumps, two claps or two big steps.**

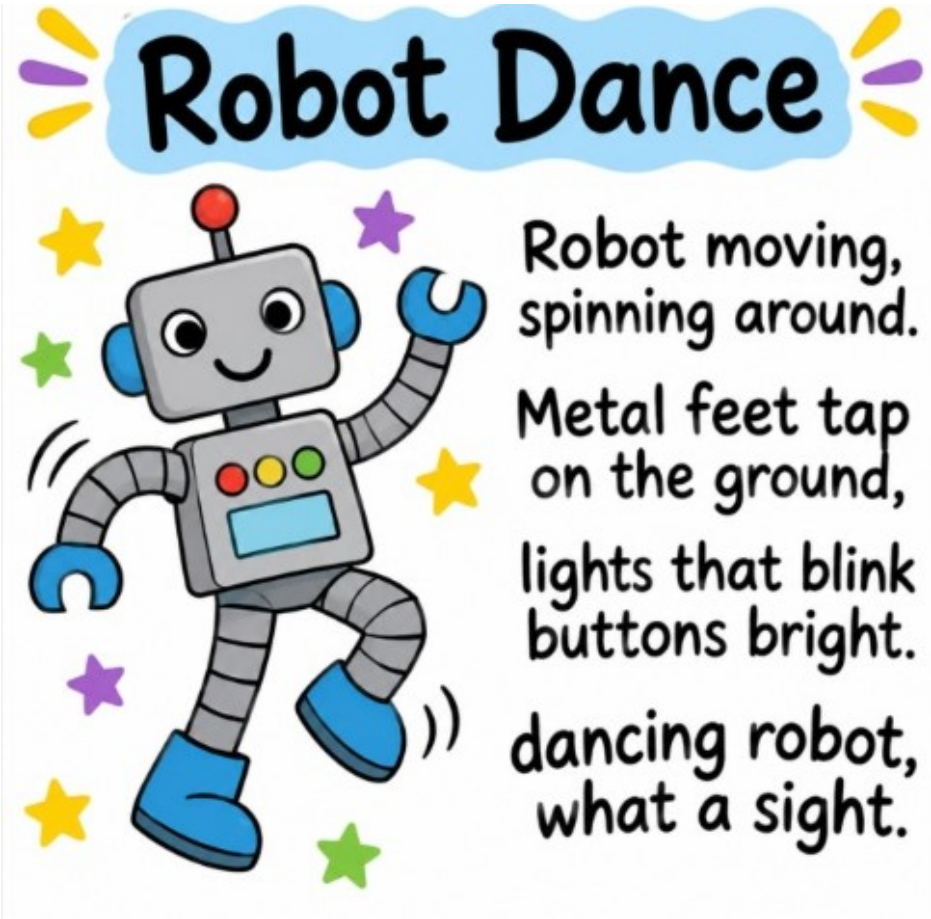


Down Maisie, mountain, mountain.

Sound of the week - M

This week we are learning the sound m, using Maisie, mountain mountain. We have been practising recognising, saying and writing the sound.

Our Star Poem



We have had a lovely week in preschool! We enjoyed visiting the hall for our photographs, which was a new experience for some of our newer children. Alongside exploring machines, we have been learning about different celebrations, including Diwali, and getting creative by making our own poppies for Remembrance Day.

















Our story of the week has been *No Bot* by Sue Hendra and we have been busy exploring all things robots! We have spent the week creating our own robots with different craft materials and practising our measuring skills by using blocks to see how tall robots are. We even have our very own robot in Preschool, where we have been exploring the different number buttons and have fun pressing them.







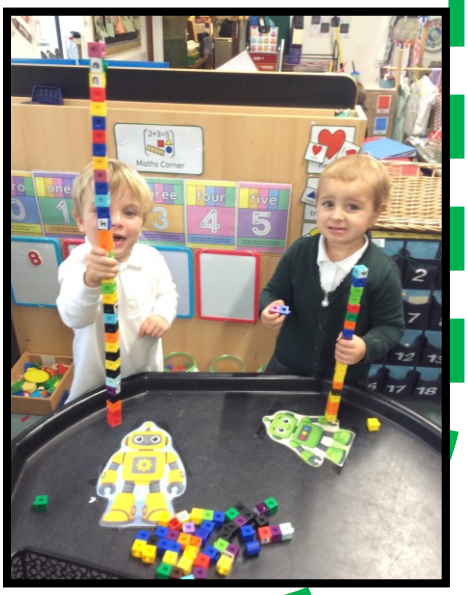


























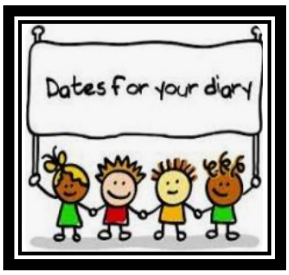




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We are still in the season where we have lots of coughs and colds, we would be very grateful for any donations of Tissues. Many thanks



Dates for Your Diary

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!



Miss Duffy and the Preschool Team