St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter

20th November 2026



We kindly ask that children are encouraged to find their own pegs each morning, hang up their coats, put away their bags and move their bumblebees onto the board.
We would also appreciate it if parents could keep morning drop-offs as quick as possible. Congestion around the peg area can sometimes cause children to become upset. A quick, positive goodbye helps children settle into their morning and start the day happily. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Topic

We are continuing with our 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

This week in maths, we have been exploring colours, shapes and sizes, sorting and comparing different objects. Next week, we will be investigating collections of objects, looking at their similarities and differences and exploring their different properties.

Supporting Your Child at Home:

- **Encourage your child to sort everyday objects such as toys, socks or cutlery**
- **Big and small – Sort objects into big and small.**
- **Lid matching – Match containers to their correct lids.**
- **Nature sorting – Collect leaves, sticks and stones and sort them by size, shape or colour.**



Sound of the week – S

Our sound of the week has been 'S', we have been practising recognising, saying and writing the letter 's' using 'slither down the snake'.

Our Star Poem



This week, we have been exploring cars and different types of transport, inspired by our book of the week ' Vehicle ABC' by Jannie Ho. We have enjoyed making our own cars, washing and cleaning vehicles, and even had a very exciting visit from a tractor.



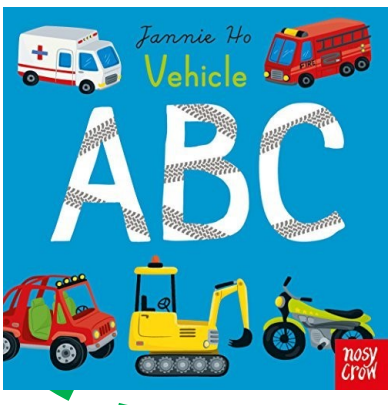












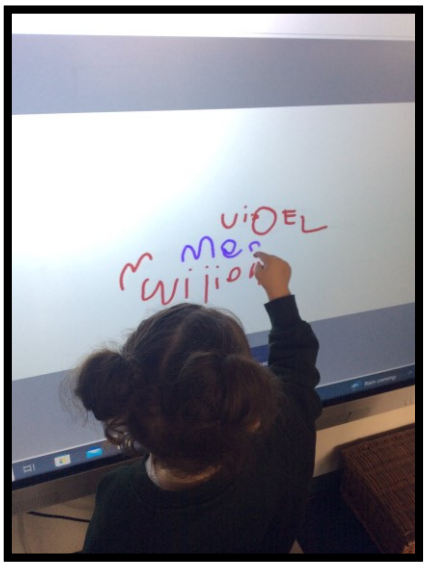
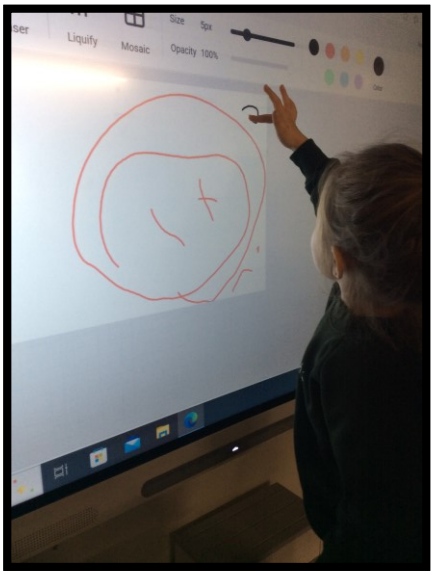






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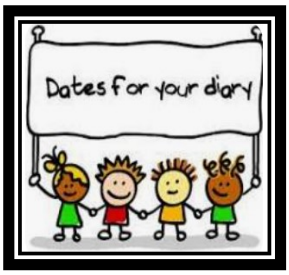




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We are still in the season where we have lots of coughs and colds, we would be very grateful for any donations of tissues. Many thanks.



Dates for Your Diary

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