

# St Joseph's



## Reception Newsletter – 19<sup>th</sup> June

Well done to the children this week for continuing to work hard and do their best despite the extremely hot weather. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring number bonds to 10, using maps, and writing about *Mr Gumpy's Outing*.

They have also had valuable opportunities to talk about moving to Year 1, sharing their thoughts, any worries, and what they are most looking forward to.

In our new topic, Big Wide World, your child will find out about the world in which they live. They will learn about different climates and explore habitats, including their flora and fauna. They will locate the United Kingdom on a world map and compare life in the United Kingdom with life elsewhere. They will also learn about caring for their environment, both locally and beyond.

### Supporting your child at home

- Use [Google Earth](#) to explore where you live and look up places you would like to visit.
- Talk about places around the world you have visited, or places that family members or friends live. Look at the places on a map and talk about ways to travel.
- If you go on holiday, send a postcard to school to show where you went.

### Here are some ideas to support Subtraction at home:

#### Snack Subtraction

- Start with a small number of snacks (e.g. 5 grapes or biscuits).
- Ask: "If you eat 2, how many are left?"
- Let the child physically remove and count what remains.

#### "Hop Back" Number Line

- Draw a number line (0–10).
- Start on a number and hop backwards.
- Example: Start on 8, hop back 3 → land on 5.

Encourage counting aloud.

Use everyday language like "take away", "how many left?"



### Phonics

We will reassess the children over the next fortnight. Please be aware that we will move to whole class virtual classroom lessons from 6<sup>th</sup> July so no books will be sent home for the final two weeks.

# Our Star Poem

Very hot today! 

It's really very hot today.  
It's like a desert far away!  
Some children are too hot to play!

It's getting far too hot to think.  
I wish I had a nice, cool drink.  
The bright sun makes me squint and blink.

If only somewhere in our school  
we had an outdoor swimming pool.  
We'd jump and splash and all keep cool.

Windows wide for breeze to enter.  
Phew! This heat I must remember  
when I'm freezing in December.

# Information:



Family Lives offers a confidential and free\* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent line). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time please do try again.



## Reception Forest School

Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June

### Sports day

**NEW DATE\*\*\* 10<sup>th</sup> July**

#### Timings:

Drop-off: 8:30–8:50am

Sports Morning: 9:30–11:30am

Picnic Lunch: 11:45am–12:50pm

Finish / site cleared: 1:00pm

#### Dismissal:

Children return to classrooms at 11:30am to collect belongings.

At 11:45am, they will be dismissed from the running track to parents or a nominated adult.

Please wait on the outside of the track. Classes will line up from Reception (near Preschool) through to Year 6 (near KS2).

### Bump up day

**9<sup>th</sup> July**

**Please can you send a small shoe box in next week for your child.**

**We would like them to make a All About Me Box, as part of their transitioning to Year1.**



*wish list*

The children were so excited to be in school in their own clothes, learning still took place and was celebrated. The children are all very proud of their sentence work.



We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend.  
The Reception team