

St Joseph's



Reception Newsletter

This week the children have been busy exploring shape and subtraction. They have enjoyed our final week of our main topic and watching our Butterflies enter the next stage of their life cycle. They were very excited to see their Year 6 buddies also.

Next week is our mini project Shadows and Reflections:- in this project your child will learn about natural phenomena, including shadows, reflections and echoes. They will find out how shadows are formed and how they change shape and size through the day. They will explore how different materials and surfaces reflect light.

Supporting your child at home

- Find objects from around the house in which you can see your reflection.
- Draw around shadows outside and see how the shape and size of the shadow changes through the day.
- Explore places to hear echoes, such as in tunnels, under bridges and in large open-plan rooms.

Everyday Object Sharing

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Use fruit, biscuits, or small toys.

Example: "We have 12 grapes. Let's share them equally between 3 plates. How many on each plate?"

Teddy Bear Picnic

Set up a pretend picnic with soft toys.

Give each teddy the same number of cups, plates, or snacks.

Ask: "Do they all have the same? How can we make it fair?"

Lego or Block Grouping

Give a pile of blocks and ask your child to make groups of 2, 3, or 4.

Count how many groups they made and if any blocks are left over.



Phonics

Please continue to use the Home Learning Support booklets to further progress your child's learning.

Our Star Poem

Here's a box 

Here's a box, it's brown and wide.
I climb right in and sit inside.

Yesterday it was a cave,
where I have my treasure saved.

Today it is a rocket ship.
I blast off high, I zoom and zip!

Tomorrow - a car that races fast.
I'll drive at speed and whizz right past!

There's lots of things a box can be,
so come and play this game with me!

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 Year Group Assembly **7th May 9.00am**

**EYFS School trip to Black Park-
Reception children and Preschool
children due to start Reception in
2026. More details to follow.** **2nd June**

Father's Day EYFS Assembly **19th June 2:15pm**



wish list

We would love some bedding plants for the children to plant in the first week back after half term.
We would be grateful for any donations.
Many thanks



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>

We have enjoyed exploring shapes and talking about their properties.

We have been identifying shapes in the environment and have been amazed by all the shapes we can find in everyday objects!



