## St Joseph's Early Years Newsletter



Summer B Term 2021



## June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Snappy Maths! In Reception Class we are beginning to learn our number bonds to 10 off by heart! At home you could practise using 10 objects (e.g. ten teddies / cars / make your own 10 green bottles, to explore different ways to make 10! Can you even draw the 'Maths Story'?!!									
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26			
<b>Sports Day!!!!</b> Your Pre-school or Reception class child could have fun practising their running / sprinting skills, or even making their own Sport's Day style obstacle race! You could use a hat, hoop, arm bands and a rubber ring, funny shoes!!!									
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July										
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4 0 1 2 3   4 0 6 7 8 9 10   Literacy! In Reception Class the children have been practising using cursive script throughout the year. This will be a huge support for your child when they later learn to write using joined up handwriting! At home, perhaps you could practise cursive flicks that your child finds tricky, while having fun writing e.g. shaving foam trays, or in different coloured felt tips!										
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	Pre	-school finish time:	2,30pm							

#### **Pre-school News**

#### Communication and language

We will be learning about the story Handa's Surprise! We will be extending our vocabularies and developing our wonderful communication skills while making fruit salad, trying new foods, discussing different fruits and exploring differences between England and Africa!

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### Personal, social and emotional development

This half term we are learning all about our feelings and different words we can use to describe our own feelings. We will also be



talking about our holidays, where we might be going, what we might do, and how this makes us feel. Children who will be going to

Reception in September will be finding all about Reception class and enjoying their transition day visit in school!

#### Physical Development

This half term we are practising running and obstacle course races ready for Sports Day! We are also learning to listen to and follow instructions as we practise our super sporty skills!



#### Other areas of learning...

Goldilocks and the Three Bears is another story we will be exploring this half term.

We will be using oats to bake delicious flapjacks, as well as embedding our amazing maths skills as we look for sets of 3 on scavenger hunts. In maths we are also shapes and size ordering

and going on shape hunts! This half term in literacy we will be focusing upon embedding phase 1 phonics with visits to the Oggle Poggles and the humming tree on Adventure Island,!!! We are also introducing



these phase 2 phonic sounds to children who will be moving to Reception in September: s a t p i n. We will be learning to recognise the letter sounds, have fun singing the Jolly Phonics songs and learn the actions that match these sounds, We will also identify objects that begin with these letter sounds (a vital skill to support early reading and writing!).

As we learn more about our amazing world we will be discussing the season of Summer and exploring how it is different to other

seasons. The children will also have great fun discussing 'growing' as we harvest, weigh and measure the potatoes we have grown in the Pre-school garden!



#### **Reception Class News**

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

The children have had an amazing time learning about lots of different animals during



Laura's visit from the 'Animal Man' company, including: honey bears, Madagascan hedgehogs, lizards, cockroaches and tortoises! Huge thanks to the Varley-Griffin family for kindly arranging this for us! The children have produced some fantastic writing about which animals were their favourite and why. This half term we

are continuing with our mini beast theme, including making a wormery, observing snails and making snail soup, and finding out all about honey bees! We will even be going on a mini beast hunt!



#### Literacy

In literacy we are using our super phonics skills to practise writing sentences independently, including finger spaces and full stops. We are practising writing recounts e.g. 'What I did on the weekend', and will also be making a booklet all about minibeasts! Mathematics

This half term we learning to recall subtraction facts within 5 using objects, then just our fingers, and then recalling them without objects or fingers! We are learning how to draw 'number stories'! We will be learning number bonds to 10, using objects (such as toys, Numicon, cubes and foam ten frames), our fingers, and number stories to help us!



This half term we have been learning about how important it is to be a good disciple and recorded our own Reception

Class Prayer service. Later this half term we will be learning about people who help us and having a mystery guest visiting our class! The children will also be listening to the story of The Loaves and the Fishes from our class bible, talking about what

happened, sequencing the story, acting it out and making their own basket of loaves and fishes!

Other areas of learning...



The children have loved Show and Tell this school year! Show and Tell will continue up until and including

exploring gymnastics indoors and athletics

25th June. We will be extending our fabulous sketching skills by sketching and then painting our own minibeast pictures! In PE the children will be



outdoors! In gymnastics we are learning different jumps including tuck jumps, straight jumps and star jumps. We will be using our super jumping skills to put together our own sequences of jumps to perform to our class mates!



At the end of the half term we will be finding out all about Year One and will have lots of fun going to visit Year One on our transition day!

On sunnier days, please could we kindly ask that all children in Early Years arrive in school with a labelled sunhat and all day sun cream already applied. Many thanks.