

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



Welcome back!

The children have settled straight into learning and seem to be happy to be back in routine. Please remember to send in hats and gloves, the children are desperate to be outside and we may get a chance to build a snowman!

Topic: We have enjoyed the first week of our new topic 'Long Ago'. Next week we will carry on exploring black and white photographs and looking at pictures from the past. Our focus text is 'Rosie's Hat' by Julia Donaldson. We will be making our own hats for a windy day! We will concentrate on the part of the story where Rosie grows and thinks about how we are all growing and getting older. We will also be focusing on the vocabulary in the story and repeating rhymes.

Next week to support our topic we will also be having some special visits from some babies and young children to talk about how we grow and change.

How can you help your child at home –

- Discuss with the children different books you may have read when you were a child, read stories together.
- Explore old pictures of grandparents when they were young.
- Look at pictures of when your children were babies and talk about how they have grown up.

Maths: Next week we will be working on subitising the number three. Subitising helps children to see, solve and manipulate numbers in their head. This develops their number sense and helps them master key calculations at an early stage.





Next week!



You should have received a letter about our special event.



We are having a visit from Little City on Friday 17th January 2025.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience roleplay in a truly immersive environment.

If your child does not normally attend Pre school on the 17th January, we would like to invite them in from 12:30 – 1:30 to enjoy the experience.

The cost of this is £4.30 per child, please pay via your Parent pay account.

Unfortunately, we are dependent on parental contributions to offer these extended opportunities to the children. Should we not receive enough contributions we may have to cancel these extended opportunities for learning.

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.



*This terms topic is 'Long Ago'. Two texts that we will be exploring are based around **hats and toys**. If you have any hats or old toys that you would like to donate to preschool, or anything we could add to our long ago home corner such as an **old fashioned telephone**, please see Mrs Pugsley.*

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/>

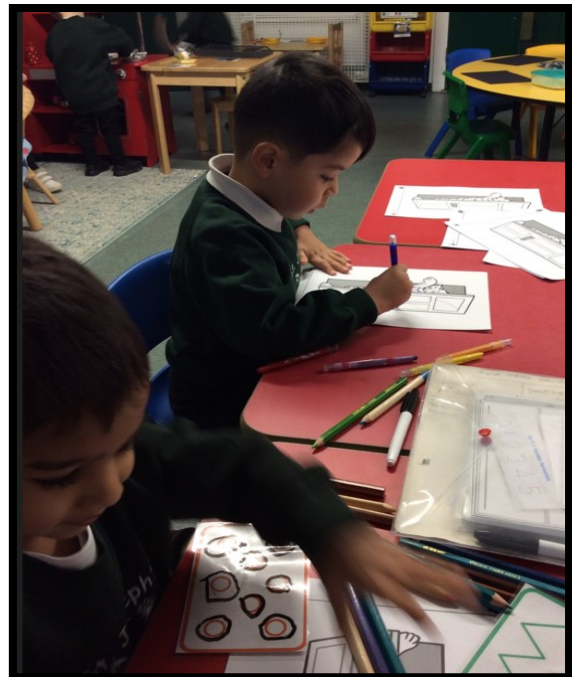
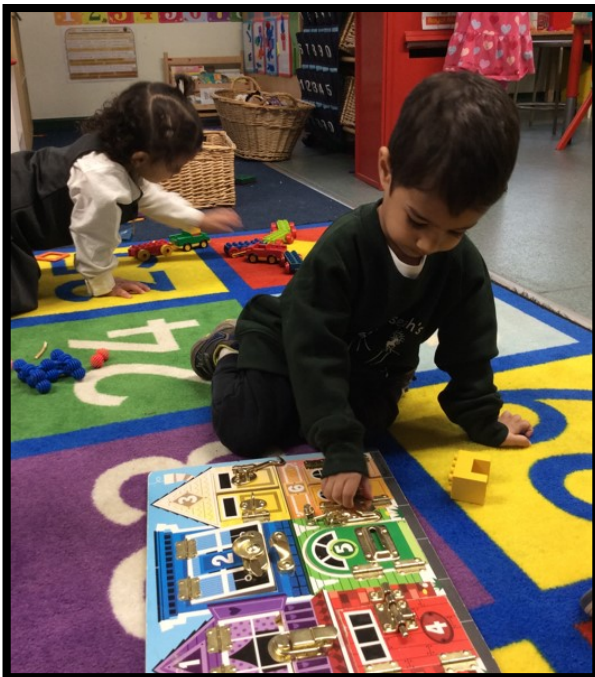
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



The Tiger That Came to Tea was such an exciting text. We loved making tea, using our knowledge of repeating patterns to make tiger tails and even drawing our own tigers!



We have loved being back and sharing snack time with our friends. It has been fun taking turns to be the snack monitor. We have loved meeting new friends!



Thank you for all your support
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool team.