

# St Joseph's

## Preschool Newsletter



It has been a fabulous week of learning with lovely visitors and the Little City Visit, we have created some lovely memories!

Please remember to send in hats and gloves as the weather is still unsettled.

**Topic:** Next week we will be continuing with our topic 'Long Ago'. We will be exploring how we change as we get older and thinking about our grandparents. Our focus text is 'Spot Visits his Grandma' by Eric Carl, we will be making some frames to put our pictures in as a gift for a grandparent or an older relative.

**Please could you send some pictures of Grandparents for our talk table to support our learning, the children love to talk about their families.**

**How can you help your child at home –**

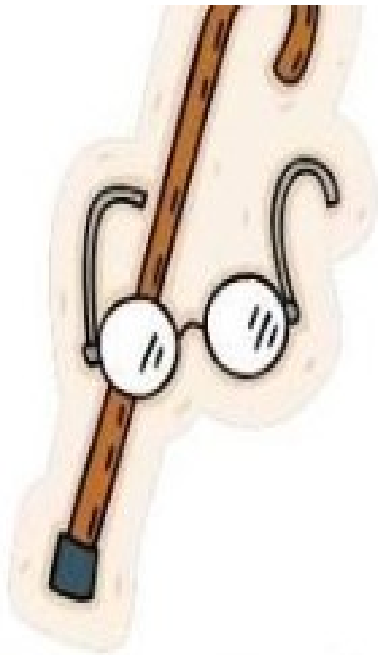
- Discuss with the children - different books you may have read when you were a child, read stories together.
- Explore old pictures of grandparents when they were young.
- Look at pictures of when your children were babies and talk about how they have grown up.

**Maths:** Next week we will be working on subitising the number four. 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.





## Our star Poem



Here are Grandma's spectacles  
And here is Grandma's hat  
And here's the way she folds her hands  
And puts them in her lap.

Here are Grandpa's spectacles  
And here is Grandpa's hat  
And here's the way he folds his arms  
And takes a little nap.

## 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.

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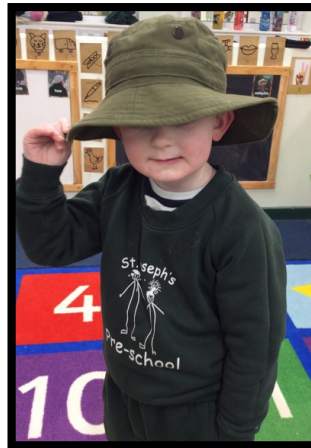
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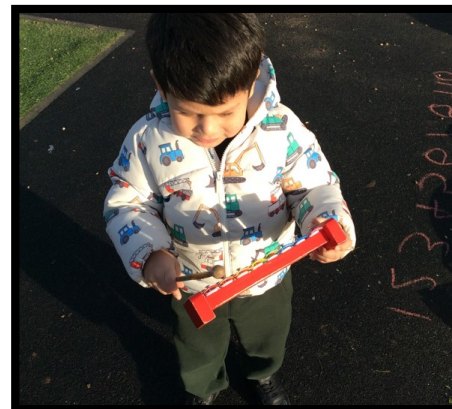
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We have loved exploring Rosie's hat and thinking more about living in the past. We have enjoyed exploring hats and been busy with our black and white portraits.



It has been wonderful to spend some more time outside this week, we have loved exploring what the cold weather has left behind. We even created our own maths experiment to see which one of our ice cubes would melt the quickest! Whatever the weather there is always time for a picnic.



Our Floor book has been used so much this week, children have loved thinking about last terms topics and looking at different activities they completed. It was a great activity for children to be able to make links with their learning.





We enjoyed joining Reception and our very special visitors to learn about babies and growing!

We had so many questions, mainly about food!



Thank you for contributing to this fabulous experience for the children. We enjoyed it so much!

