

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



The children have enjoyed learning about different fruits and animals this week. It has been great to listen to stories about different animals the children have encountered and some animals that I didn't even know existed!

Topic: Next week we will be continuing our topic 'Ready, Steady Grow'. We will be learning what seeds and plants need to grow and grow a variety of plants. We will explore what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, including eating fruit and vegetables, exercise and teeth brushing. We will find out about life on a farm and about baby animals. Next week we will be reading 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins and thinking about farms and animals.

How can you help your child at home – Go on a walk and pretend you are having an adventure like Rosie. Make a list of the things you have seen.

Maths: Next week we will be looking at measure and starting to explore volume, Children will start to understand full and empty and explore half empty and half full.

How can you help your child at home – At bath time, provide your child with lots of different empty containers. You could give them similar containers that are different sizes, like nesting bowls or stacking cups. Encourage them to explore directly pouring from one container into the other and describe what happens to them "Oh no! That one overflowed!" or "There is still lots of space left in that one – it is only half full".

Magic
numbers

1.2.3.4.5



Our Star Poem

Farmyard



Little hen, feathered and red



pecking round for scraps of bread.



Little goat, fierce and white



thinks his rope is much too tight.



Little calf, soft and shy



peeking out with one brown eye.



Little cat, black and lean

crouching so he won't be seen.



Little pig, muddy and stout

trying hard to wriggle out.

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.



LoOSE pARts PlaY

Ribbons & FEaTHERS *EGG cartons and ACornS*
SHELLS and leaVES *wool & string* MILK CRATES AND BASINS
POTS & PaNs *Baking trays & MUD* Sand & SToneS
Kitchen utensils – spOOons, potatO masher, SIEVes
Hammer and nails *Sticks and stones* *twigs & felt*
Silk and tin foil *Tarpaulin & DRiftWOOD*
Velcro ROLLERS and Sponges *Brushes AND PAPER*
Dried pasta and PULSEs *Guttering and TYRES* **Cardboard**
PLasTIC bottles and TOPs *DOLLY pegs and CURTAIN rings*
FuNNels and WAtER *Plant POTS* and wood Pallets
Rope, Wool and RiBBon **STRAW bales and wood**
KeYs and cove moulding *Bamboo and baskets*
SheetS and ChALK *Hessian and buckets*

We would love to develop our loose parts play. Please keep us in mind if you have anything on the list attached.

Thank you for your support.

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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 the different fruits in Handa's surprise, we loved counting, painting, making collages and even tasting all the different fruits. Our role play area outside was fun. We went to Africa!



We have loved balancing ourselves and exploring scales and weight in Maths. We have been busy exploring all parts of Preschool, we especially like to find different places to hide!

