

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



Thank you for all the lovely pictures of grandparents, the children have talked so much about their families this week.

Topic: It is our last week of the topic 'Long Ago', we will be exploring a fact book 'Toys and Games, now and then'. We will be looking at games and toys from long ago. We will also be recapping our learning from the last few weeks.

We are going to have a teddy bears picnic on Monday and Wednesday next week, if your child attends the morning sessions, please could they bring a teddy to school.

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 five. 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.

How can you help your child at home –

- Spot the number 5 whilst on walks, on car number plates/ door numbers.
- Nursery rhymes: 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive, 5 little ducks went swimming one day, Alice the camel has 5 humps.
- Point out the number 5 on the clock / watch or phone/ ipad screen/ house numbers/ car number plates.
- Dominoes - spot the dominoes with 5 dots on them.





Our Star Poem

Five Fingers

I've got five fingers in my pocket.
Five fingers hidden away

Five fingers in my pocket.
Look! Aw, one went away!

I've got four fingers in my pocket.
Four fingers hidden away

Four fingers in my pocket.
Look! Aw, one went away!

Repeat for, three, two and one. .



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.



We will be celebrating storytelling by reading a story each day as a focus for our learning. We would love you to be a part of this week.

Parents or Grandparents are invited to come into class at 2:45pm each day your child attends a session to read a stor with your child.

Please let Mrs Pugsley know what day you would like to join us.

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 all enjoyed our special visitor Mrs Bailey, Mrs Hart's Mum. We read lots of stories with her and she even joined in our 'Wake and Shake' dance.

We have spent lots of time making gifts for our grandparents this week. We have been using our fine motor skills-threading. Maths skills, counting out ten beads and making a repeating pattern.



We love castle time!



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