

St Joseph's

Preschool Newsletter



Please remember our special Chitty Chatty Tea Party next Thursday at 2:15pm.

Topic: We are starting our Signs of Spring Project. Your child will be going on a walk to look for signs of Spring. They will learn about the changes that happen during Spring, including the weather, living things and Springtime festivals

Supporting your child at home

- Go on a Spring walk and take photographs of the signs of Spring.
- Make a weather diary to observe how the weather changes.
- Visit a pond and look for signs of new life, such as ducklings and frogspawn. Visit again over time to observe changes.

Phonics –

Please see the list of sounds that your children have been taught, you can use the QR code to explore the sounds with your child at home.



Maths – This week we are consolidating our understanding of measure and also recapping on our numbers to 5.

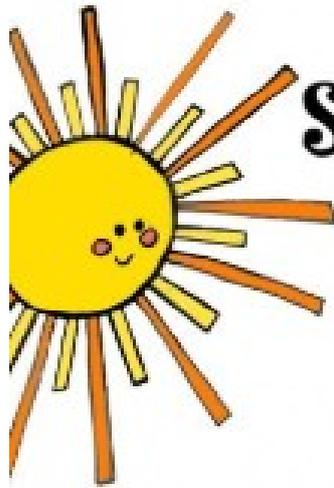
Supporting your child at home

- Challenge your child to make a tower of 5 using 2 different coloured blocks. This can be extended to 3 or 4 colours. Discuss what they can see and what they have made - e.g. "I have made 5 using 2 white cubes and 3 yellow cubes."
- Draw a large 5 frame outside. In what way can your child fill the frame? 4 leaves and 1 stick? 3 stones and 2 flowers? Discuss how they have filled the 5 frame.





Our Star Poem



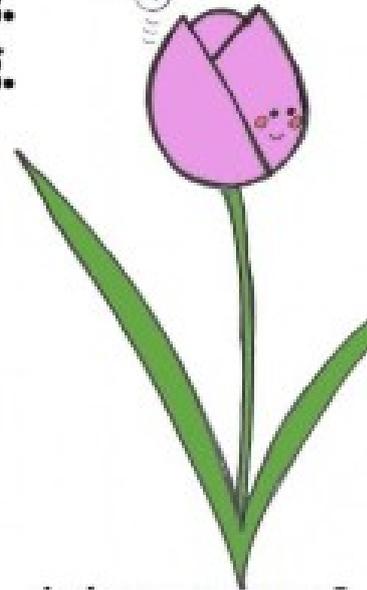
Spring is Here!

sung to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"

**Spring is here.
Spring is here.
Goodbye, snow.
Flowers grow.**



**Birds and bees,
leaves on trees.
Hello, spring.
Hello, spring.**



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 capacity with green rice and we have been great at creating sentences using 'full' and 'empty'. We have loved exploring green sand using tools to mark make. Rosie's walk had given us lots of inspiration when going on our walks and crafting!



We do love to pose when we see the iPad! We have loved seeing our first egg hatch and our first duckling make an appearance. We are looking forward to bath time and lots of 'holds' next week.



Have a fabulous weekend
Mrs Pugsley and the Preschool Team