

# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



The children have enjoyed another exciting week. Our fun activities have been focused on our book 'The Emperor's New Clothes'. They have particularly enjoyed our clothes shop roleplay and being fashion designers!

Our new mini topic is 'Stories and Rhymes'. Next week is our 'Storytelling week', with an emphasis on communication and language.



How you can support your child at home:

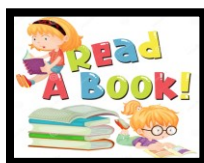
- Share favourite stories with all the family together
- Talk about favourite characters
- Encourage your child to retell the story in their own words using props and actions.
- Draw a picture of their favourite characters in the story

Maths- In maths we have been learning about doubles numbers, we will also be looking at odd and even numbers.

How to support your child at home:

- Ask children to find odd and even numbers at every opportunity – match up socks and talk about pairs or odd numbers.
- Play a dominoes game with your child.
- Listen to this song with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=At0quRa90rs&t=1s>



Please work alongside us to help your child reach their full potential. You can do this by reading with them, signing the reading record and ensuring it is in school every day. The Phonics QR codes are a fantastic resource to help you and your child progress in phonics.

We will be re-assessing the children in the last two weeks of the half term, so please ensure that you take every opportunity to use this fantastic resource. Paper copies of QR codes were sent home last week.



## Information:



**For Your information:** In the mornings, a teacher will be at a table near the door working with groups of children to help further their learning. Please allow your children to walk through the doors independently.



### *Our new topic is: 'Stories and Rhymes'*

- We will have a lovely week sharing the children's favourite stories and encouraging them to be story tellers themselves. **We would love for parents or grandparents to come and read at 2.45pm each day but please do let us know in advance which day you would like to come.**
- If you any have any spare jogging bottoms, underwear or socks to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.



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**Highlights:**

We had an exciting time making invitations to 'The Emperors Banquet' and designing t-shirts for a fashion show for our year 6 buddies.



## Highlights:

We have had fun being teachers and learners.

We particularly enjoyed learning about kings and queens too!

