

St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter



What a fantastic first week back. The children have settled well and have been very excited with our new topic and activities. We have really loved to hear all about their Christmas break.

Our topic is 'Long Ago'. Next week we will be focusing on growing and would like the children to bring in a baby photo or a picture of a special memory. We would also like a **picture of your child and members of your family** as they will be creating their own 'Family tree'.

Next week to support our topic we will also be having some special visits from some babies and young children to talk about how we grow and change.

Our next story will be 'Once there were Giants' by Martin Waddell.

How you can support your child at home:

- Look at photos of family members and talk about special times.
- Share baby photos and talk about how much they have grown.
- Draw a family portrait together.

Maths- In maths we have been learning about composition and how one number can be made up of two or more smaller numbers.

How to support your child at home:

Teddy Bear Sorting



- How many teddies do you have?
- Can you sort the teddies into two groups? Can you explain how you sorted them?
- How many teddies are in each group? How many altogether?
- Can you sort the teddies a different way? How many are in each circle now?
- How can you sort the teddies so that they are all in one circle? How many are in the other circle?



The children are continuing to work hard on their phonics - below are some CVC and CVCC words for you and your child to Fred Talk together.

mat at mad sat sad pat got dog

jet jog jam wish sock fish



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: 'Long Ago'

- We are learning about 'past and present' and we would like the children to observe and investigate old items such as telephones, clothes and toys. If you have any that you can lend or donate we would be very grateful.
- On the week of 20th January, we will be reading The Emperor's New Clothes. We would like the children to bring in a t-shirt or top which they can draw and stick things to.



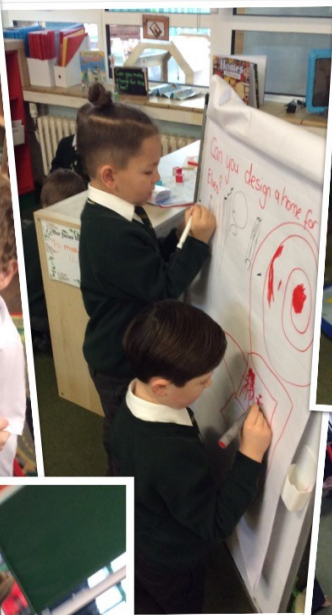
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Highlights:

The children have loved exploring our new topic this week. They have designed homes for the elves. They have done lots of problem-solving and talked about the things which make them unique in PSHE!





Next week!



You should have received a letter about our special event.



We are having a visit from Little City on Friday 17th January 2025.

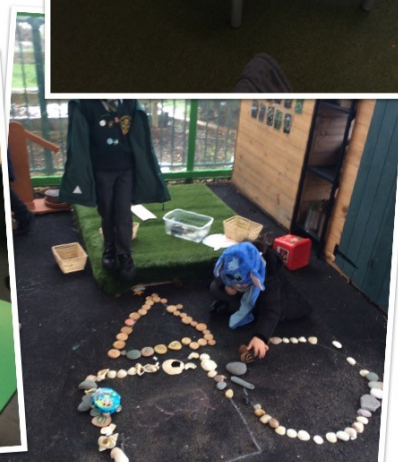
This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience roleplay in a truly immersive environment.

The cost of this is £4.30 per child, please pay via your Parent pay account. Unfortunately, we are dependent on parental contributions to offer these extended opportunities to the children. Should we not receive enough contributions we may have to cancel these extended opportunities for learning.



Highlights:

The children have enjoyed working in our shop outside and have also made shoes for the Elves.



Thank you for all your support

The Reception Team.