

# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



It was another busy week in Reception! The children have enjoyed making cards and cakes. I am sure they have spoken to you about bathing the ducklings. They really enjoyed watching the Passion Play and they were very excited to host and perform at the 'Chitty Chatty Tea Party'!

Our new mini topic is 'Signs of Spring':

This project teaches children about the changes that happen during Spring, including weather and the festivals that are celebrated at this time of year.

Our focus book next week is 'The Easter Story'

How you can support your child at home:

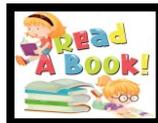
- Go on a Spring walk and take photographs of the signs of Spring.
- Make a weather diary to observe how the weather changes.
- Visit a pond and look for signs of new life, such as ducklings and frogspawn.

### Maths-

In maths we will continue to explore and investigate 3D Shapes and revisit 2D Shapes.

How to support your child at home:

- Have a 3D shape hunt at home
- Draw a picture using shapes
- Continue to listen to the double song
- Continue to listen to the number bonds song



Can we please ask that you work in partnership with us to help your child reach their full potential by reading with them, signing the record and ensuring it is in school every day. Additionally, please continue to use the QR codes sent home and play Fred games with your child. This will greatly improve their progress in reading and writing.

There are lots of resources and information on the Website – Children tab - Subjects Areas – RWInc.



## 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.

**IMPORTANT: No parent/carer should enter the classroom with their child in the morning.**



*Our topic this term is: 'Ready, Steady, Grow'*

- We will be preparing to start our Reception garden in the coming weeks and would appreciate any donations of child friendly garden tools, pots, plants or seeds. We would also welcome any parents to come in the afternoon to help prepare our garden area. Please speak to the Reception teachers if you wish to help.
- If you any spare bottoms, underwear or socks to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.
- Nappy bags and wipes would also be greatly appreciated



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=At0quRa90rs&pp=ygUVdGhlc2UqYXJlIHRobzSBkb3VibGVz>

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**Highlights:**

We have had so much fun, watching the ducklings grow this past week. The children have shown such care for them. We will be saying goodbye to them today as they will be going back to their farm in Oxfordshire.

Thank you for supporting us with this experience for the children.



The children have enjoyed the sunshine and outdoor learning environment.



The 'Chitty chatty tea party' was a great success and it was so lovely to see lots of talk from the children about their amazing work and learning journey. Thank you for joining us!



Have a lovely weekend. Thank you for your support  
The Reception Team.