

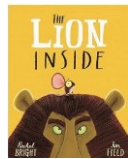
# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



What a fabulous last week of term! The children have explored the Easter story, taken part in lots of Easter activities, attended a Rocksteady concert and had an Easter egg hunt! They are due a well-earned rest!

Our new topic is 'Animal Safari': -This project teaches children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments.



Our first book in the new term is  
How you can support your child at home:

- Go on a local safari to find out about the animals that live in your garden or local park.
- Look at animals from around the world, discuss your favourite animals and find out some fantastic facts.

Maths- Next term we will be exploring and investigating to 20 and beyond, our first two topics are:

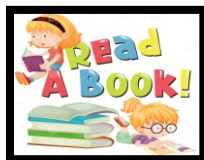
Build numbers beyond 10 (10–13)

Continue patterns beyond 10 (10–13)

How to support your child at home:

- Practice counting objects beyond twenty
- Practice number formation
- Complete the activities on the sheet at the end. (If you wish, this is not homework)

## To 20 and Beyond



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 and play Fred games with your child. This will greatly improve their progress in reading and writing.

The QR codes will run out on 15<sup>th</sup> April – a new set can then be found on the website – under the children tab – subject areas – Read Write Inc. Scroll down to QR codes.



## 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.**



- We have started making preparations on our Reception garden and would appreciate any donations of child friendly garden tools, pots, plants or seeds. We would also like for some 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.



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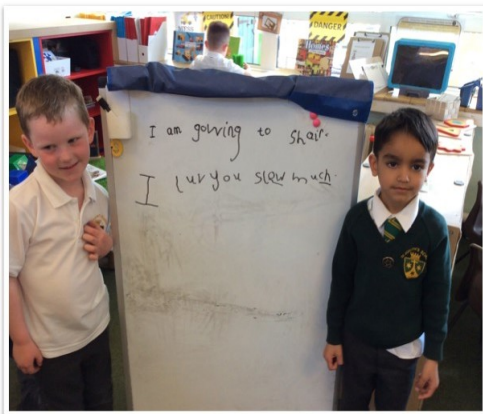
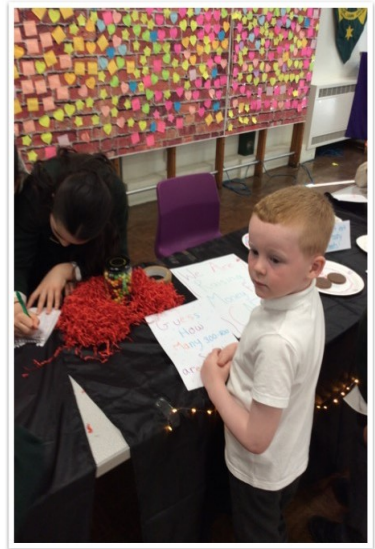
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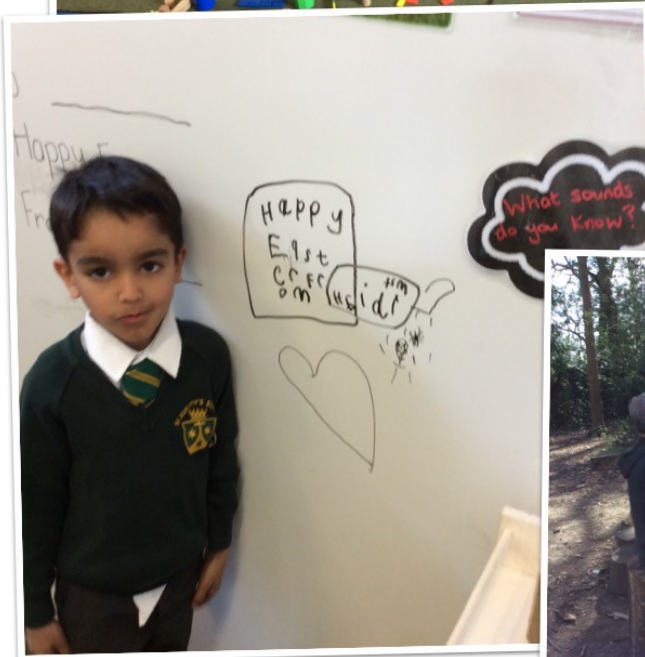
Highlights:

Easter fun, Charity day, and Forest school!



What a busy week!





# Counting Beyond 10

## Home Learning Challenges

Practise counting during snack time! How many raisins are in a box? How many grapes are in a small bunch? Are there more than 10? See if you can arrange the food items to make them easier to count.



With a grown-up, go for a walk in a park or garden. Collect some natural materials that you find on the ground, such as leaves, pebbles or conkers. Count the items that you find. Can you find more than 10 of each item?



Play a counting game using 20 or more marbles. Place a bowl at the bottom of a cardboard tube. Carefully pour the marbles down the tube. Count how many marbles land in the bowl. Try placing the tube in different places and count how many marbles land in the bowl each time.



Use some pencils or crayons to draw a picture of an alien. Can you give your alien 12 eyes, 15 arms and 20 spots? Ask a grown-up or friend to draw an alien too. Can you check that they have given their alien the correct number of eyes, arms and spots? You could try drawing your own number alien too. How many arms, eyes and spots does your alien have?



Use some building bricks to build a tower. Carefully count how many bricks you use to build your tower. How many bricks are in the tallest tower you can make? Can you build a tower using 20 bricks?



Ask a grown-up to put some pennies into a container. Empty out the container and count how many pennies are inside. Then, count some pennies into the container for your grown-up to count. Can you check that they have counted them correctly?

*Have a lovely Easter break. Thank you for your support  
The Reception Team.*