

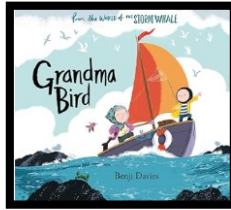
# St Joseph's

## Reception Newsletter



The children have had another exciting week, we have had special visitors and loved our visit from Little City!

Our topic is 'Long Ago'. Next week we will continue to look at growing, with a special focus on grandparents. Our next story will be 'Grandma Bird'. Next week to support our topic we will also be having some special visits from some grandparents to share a story with the children in the afternoon and to answer some questions.



We would like photos or a pictures of the children with their grandparents or a special adults. Please send these into school on Monday.

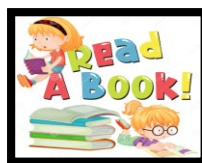
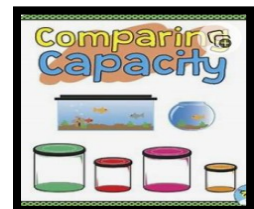
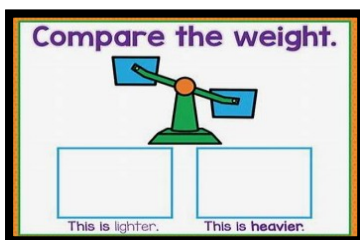
How you can support your child at home:

- Look at photos of family members and talk about special times.
- Invite grandparents to share stories and photos of when they were children.

Maths- In maths we have been learning about mass and capacity

How to support your child at home:

- Bake a cake and talk about weight, e.g. heavy, light, heavier and lighter.
- Get some containers and fill them with water or pasta, encouraging the correct vocabulary, such as empty, full, half full, nearly full and nearly empty.
- Use various opportunities around the house to talk about mass and capacity.



There are still children who are not reading daily, or bringing their records in each day. Reading is vital for development and progress. 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.



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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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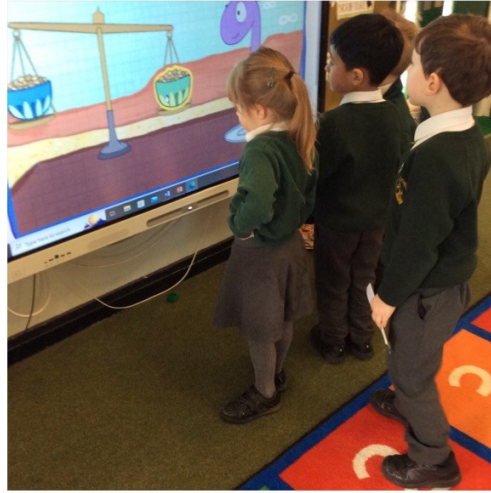
**Highlights:**

The children had great fun talking about their memories and what they are proud of.

They really enjoyed our special visit from Miss Minoli, Elsie and Hugo.



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**Thank you for all your support  
The Reception Team.**