

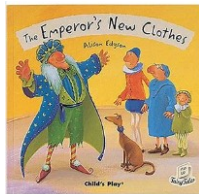
St Joseph's

Reception Newsletter



The children have had another exciting week, we had story time with some grandparents and had lots of fun in our learning environment. They especially enjoyed our vet's roleplay.

Our topic is 'Long Ago'. Next week we will continue to look at fairy tales. Our next story will be The Emperor's New Clothes. There will be a focus on clothes and jewellery and on Kings and Queens.



Can we please ask that you send in an old white or cream t-shirt so your child can design and decorate it for our Reception Fashion Show next Friday.

How you can support your child at home:
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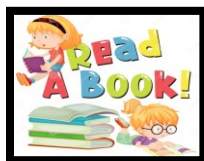
- Look at photos of family members and talk about special times.
- Invite grandparents to share stories and photos of when they were children.
- Talk about old and new toys and old and new clothes.

Maths- In maths we have been learning about representing 6,7,8 (and beyond)

How to support your child at home:

- Continue to do number recognition, counting and formation games at every opportunity. e.g. counting toys, looking for numbers when on walks or outings.
- Ask children to find one more and one less of various numbers.

This week we have sent out a Numbots login for your child (on the inside cover of Reading Record). There is a letter explaining how this works. Please ask a Reception teacher if you have any queries.



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 use the phonics QR codes at home to support your child's progress in phonics.



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.
- If you any spare bottoms, underwear or socks to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.



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Highlights:

The children had great fun listening to stories from some grandparents and asking them questions about when they were young.



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Highlights:

The children had a great week in the outside area, being vets and architects.



Story Telling Week

Tuesday 4th February until Friday 7th February

We will be celebrating storytelling week by reading a story each day as a focus for our learning. We would love you to be a part of this week.

Parents or Grandparents are invited to come into class at 2:45pm each day to share a story with your child and a small group of children.

Please let Miss Chambers or Mrs McGinty know what day you would like to join us.

The children will be so excited.