



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Spring Term
15th January 2018

Weekly Vocabulary

Please check your child's book bag throughout the week for specific vocabulary for them to learn at home. You could challenge your child by encouraging them to practise writing the words, making sure that they are forming their letters correctly.



Reading for Pleasure.

Please take time to read to your child daily, and encourage sounding out and blending. This will encourage a love of books, widen their vocabulary, develop their understanding of story structure and it is a perfect opportunity to spend quality time together.

Mystery Reader



Please sign up to be a Mystery Reader this can be mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grand-parents, the most important element is that it is a surprise! Some of our parents have already volunteered, the children love it when it is their mummy or daddy. We welcome all languages, we are happy for you to read in your home language if you prefer. If you would like to be a 'Mystery Reader' you can sign up at the school office with Mrs Ricketts or speak to the class teacher. We look forward to seeing you!

Home Learning

This week the children will be drawing a story map to retell the story of the week.

Ask your child to write about pictures they draw – on paper or on the computer. Get them to tell you the story.

The children will be encouraged to use their sounds to write a simple/compound sentence.

Encourage writing – have felt pens, pencils, crayons and paper available.

The children will be estimating how many objects they think are in different sized containers and will then check by counting them.

Get together with your child and play with water using different shaped containers and measuring cups in the sink or the bath.

The children will be exploring the different sounds of instruments.

Encourage your child to sing familiar songs.



Reminders

A friendly reminder that scooters and bikes should not be used anywhere on the school premises. Please cooperate with staff on this matter as there is a safety concern for other children.

Can you please ensure that your children's Read Write Inc books are brought in daily as we need to read with your children on an as and when basis. Can you also ensure they are returned weekly, in order for them to be changed.



Golden Moments

We would like to invite you to share any moments of achievement your child has at home with us. You will receive a Golden Moment sheet in your child's book bag. Your Golden Moment is a chance for us to celebrate something special your child has done at home. It could be anything from writing a sentence, solving a maths problem to keeping their room tidy.

