



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Spring Term
6th February 2017

Weekly Vocabulary

Numeracy

More than, less than, equals, plus, add, rectangle, square, circle, triangle, sphere, cube, cylinder, cuboid, 2D, 3D.

Literacy

Miracle, blind, paralysed, wedding, wine, Jesus, healing, sick, unwell, mould, ripen.

Mystery Reader

Please sign up to be a Mystery Reader. This can be mums, dads, aunties, uncles or grand-parents, the most important element is that it is a surprise! Some of our parents have already volunteered and the children love it when it is their mummy or daddy. We welcome all languages and 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.



Understanding the World

As part of our Understanding of the World topic this term, we are encouraging the children to notice changes and decay in foods. We have been learning what happens to fruit, vegetables and milk over time, if they are not stored correctly.

Home Learning

This week the children are continuing to learn about the miracles that Jesus performed.

Please talk to your child about the Bible stories such as *The Blind Man*, *The Wedding Feast at Cana* and *The Paralysed Man*.

In Numeracy this week we will be reviewing number knowledge, 2D and 3D shapes, one more and one less and positional language.

Please model maths vocabulary to your child when you are out and about and encourage them to use maths vocabulary. What 3D shapes can you see? What shape face does it have? How many faces does it have? I need one more apple. How many do I have now? How many cars/trees/birds can you see? Make up simple problems using objects such as, I have 4 beans and I need 2 more. How many do I have now?

Big Talk

To develop communication and language skills and encourage children to talk about their world and experiences outside of school, we will be asking your child about his/her weekend on Monday mornings. Questions we will ask are: What did he/she do? Who with? Where? Please talk to your child about activities, events and celebrations you have together over the weekend.



Celebration Assembly

Our next celebration assembly will be on **Thursday 9th February at 2:45pm** in the school hall in the Catherine Kasper building. If your child is receiving an award we will invite you to attend by text. If they receive an award outside of school for swimming, dancing etc. you are welcome to send them in for us to share at our celebration assemblies.

Remember it's a surprise for the children, so please keep it a secret!

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates at last week's Assembly.

RS – Daisy, Liam and Kamsi

RJ – Dylan, Daria and Martyna

RT - Santiago, Kuba and Julia

