



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

Spring Term  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Weekly Vocabulary

#### Numeracy

Same way, different way, find, make, same number, the same as, talk, about, explain, put together.

#### Literacy

Chinese, New Year, monkey, fluffy, cheeky, skillful, silly, confident, enthusiastic, happy, zoo, enclosure

### Mystery Reader

Please sign up to be a Mystery Reader. This can be mums, dads, aunts, 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

This term the children will be learning about 'growing'. They will be growing various things and talking about how they have changed.

You could grow something at home and take photos of your child to bring in school.



### Home Learning

This week the children are learning about the Chinese New Year.

Please talk to your child about the Chinese New Year and special occasions events you celebrate together as a family. Whist out shopping encourage your child to notice Chinese New Year celebration signs and symbols.

In Numeracy this week we will be focusing on questioning and problem solving through addition.

Please model maths vocabulary to your child when you are out and about and encourage them to use maths vocabulary. For example, What 3D shape is the television / computer / cereal box? 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?

The children will be continuing to hear stories about how Jesus healed the sick.

To help them to link this to their own lives, please talk to your child about a time when he/she was sick and who looked after him/her.

### 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 the **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Congratulations to the following children who received certificates at last weeks assembly.**

RS – Dylan and Regan

RJ - Aiyla-Mae and Roisin

RT – Marcin and Fabian

