



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Home Letter information for parents: 14/11/2025

Classes: RS Mrs Smith and RM Ms McDonagh

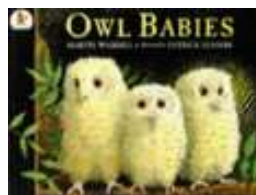
Important Notes

- Please continue to read to your child every evening.
- Please make sure your child has a full, labelled PE kit with plimsolls in school.
- Please make sure that all items of school uniform are labelled, including the new ties and school shirts.

RSHE - I Am Me

This session helped the children learn that they are uniquely created by God and special because they are made and loved by Him. As they explored in more detail their uniqueness and what that means in real terms, this session aimed to celebrate difference as well as individual gifts, talents and abilities.

Literacy - Science



This week we listened to the story 'Owl Babies'. The children have been learning about nocturnal animals (those who are active at night) and diurnal animals (like us, they sleep during the night). First, they identified the nocturnal animals and, then, attempted to label them: fox, rat, bat, etc. using their phonics knowledge.

Religious Education

Our new topic is called 'Prophecy and Promise'. The children are beginning to learn about the nativity story. This week we spoke about the journey that Mary and Joseph took, travelling to Bethlehem, where they prepared for the birth of baby Jesus. We created our own nativity scene by sticking and colouring baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph and a donkey into a stable.

PSED

Encourage your child to put on and take off their blazers and jumpers independently. Make sure that they know where to find the label with their names written so they can easily identify them.

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Mathematics

This week the children were introduced to the concept of 1 more and 1 less, still working only with the numbers 1, 2 and 3. They began to understand that as they count, each number they say is 1 more than the previous number. They also noticed that when they find 1 less, the numbers and amounts reduce because they are taking 1 away. Encourage your child to use concrete objects to practice 1 more/less.

Phonics

We are following the Read Write Inc. programme by Ruth Miskin:

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/
www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fblqY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ

You can **purchase the sound cards** from Amazon:

- RWI Phonics Flashcards Set 1
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Home-Flashcards/dp/0198386710/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=phonics+set+1+rwi&qid=1601030530&sr=8-4
- RWI Phonics Flashcards Set 2
https://www.amazon.co.uk/Read-Write-Inc-Phonics-Flashcards/dp/0198386818/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=phonics+set+2+rwi&qid=1601030709&sr=8-2

Reading Records

The children are taking home a library book. Please read it to your child daily and discuss key events and characters. On the reading record book please write a little note telling us if your child liked the book and why (e.g. Jack thought it was funny, it made him laugh). **Please return the book bags on Wednesday, not before.**

Fruit Sweets Colour Mixing Experiment

World Science Day takes place on the 10th November. It's a day to recognise and celebrate the role that science plays all around us. It also aims to make science more accessible for all, to inspire others and to share goals and values that hopefully work towards everybody's greater wellbeing. Go to Google Classroom!

Remembrance Day

To share our remembrance of those who have fallen in conflict, this week the children are learning a simple remembrance poem. The story of the poppy begins during the First World War, or, as it was more commonly known back then, The Great War. Go to Google Classroom for more information!