



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School

Home Letter information for parents: 05/12/2025

Classes: RS Mrs Smith and RM Ms McDonagh

This year there will be two nativity performances, one for each reception class. RS parents/ guardian's you are invited to join us on Tuesday the 9th of December. RM parents/ guardians you are invited to join us on Thursday 11th December 2025. Your children have been given a strip with their speaking parts for our Nativity play. Please practise with them every evening to build up their confidence. Encourage them to speak slowly and loudly.

Art

This week the children explored clay to make some impressive Nativity characters and Christmas tree decorations.



Literacy



This week we wrote a list to Santa. First, we talked about what we would like to receive this Christmas. Then the children 'Rally Robin' their ideas with their partners.

Finally, they wrote a list using Fred Talk and Fred Fingers while looking at the sound chart. They were encouraged to use cursive handwriting, starting on the line.

Religious Education

This week we talked about the story of the Birth of Jesus emphasising the importance of when the shepherds came to visit Baby Jesus. We read the Scripture of Luke 2:8-20 and we spoke about the idea that God wanted His people to know about the birth of His Son, but he did not choose the rich or the important, he chose humble shepherds. He chose these humble shepherds because Jesus had come for everyone.

PSED

Encourage your child to put on and take off their coats independently. Practise with them at home since some of them are still struggling. Hats and scarves go inside the coat's sleeves so they do not get misplaced.

www.stjosephsrc.co.uk/learning/early-years-foundation-page/

Mathematics

This week the children continued to work on numbers 1 to 5. They explored one more and one less using 5 grid frames and concrete objects such as counters and cubes. The children also explored composition of numbers to 5 with Numicon shapes.



Phonics

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

www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/

www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLqY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ

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.**



Things to try this weekend

As we are in Advent, let's make our own Advent Wreath!

Go to Google Classroom for more details. Thank you so much for your support.

