



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Go, shine  
in the  
world



### What have we been learning this week?

#### Phonics: Consonant clusters

The focus in phonics this week has been to review the set 1 digraphs and blending set 1 sounds to segment and blend 4 letter words. The children have been listening for words that have these sounds in them.



#### What can I do next?

Continue to say the sounds within a word for your child to blend together to guess the word. Using similar words to the homework given, practice with your child so that they confidently hear all of the sounds, particularly consonant clusters like *cl*, *st*, *dr*.

#### Maths: 2D shapes

This week we have been learning all about Squares and Rectangles. We have discussed different ways to identify each shape. We have learned that a square has 4 sides that are the same length and a rectangle has 2 long sides and 2 short sides. They both have 4 corners.

#### What can I do next?

Go on a shape hunt at home or outside to find different 2D shapes in the environment.

#### Knowledge and Understanding of the World: Advent

This week the class performed in our infant nativity show, called 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. The children were exceptional in their singing and their actions dressed as stars. The performance has been our introduction into Advent and the nativity story.



In their art work the children have started to learn the importance of planning what they want to draw/make before starting so that the end result is the best they can do!



### How can you help your child with their learning?

Continue to question your child's answers in maths to develop their skills in problem solving. The more they become familiar in justifying their answers, the better they can independently solve maths concepts because they will have to words to do so.