



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

Go, shine
in the
world



What have we been learning this week?

Phonics

We have been learning our letters and sounds in our phonics lessons. This week in phonics we have been practising sounding words in our heads then saying the whole word aloud. 'This is called Fred in your head.' Fred the frog helped us to do this. The more we practised the better we were.



Can you read these words using the skill of Fred in your head?

sleep

spray

Maths: Adding more and taking away

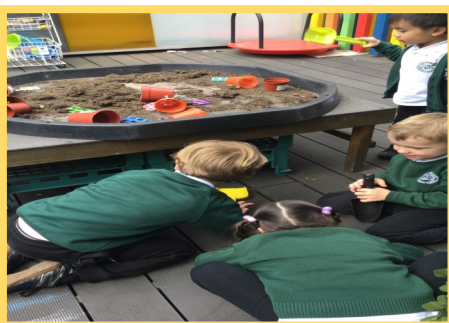
In maths the children have been focusing on using the +, - and = symbols to record number sentences. Using the prompts 'First, Next, Then' to tell the number story first.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

Spiders are all around us and are very helpful minibeasts. They can catch many unwanted house hold bugs in their webs. There are many different species of spiders and in class we have been learning about them.



We have also been learning to use words to describe what a spider looks like. Looking closely at a spider and naming the parts of a spider's body. We even went on a Spider minibeast hunt!



How can you help your child with their learning?

When reading with your child. Talk about the vocabulary used in the story. Check that your child understands the words being read. For example, do they understand what 'gloomy' or 'wrinkled' means. These types of words are often featured in traditional stories and other stories the children read.