



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Reception Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024

Go, shine  
in the  
world



### What have we been learning this week?

#### Phonics

In phonics and reading practice the children continue to practise recognising their sounds within words and segmenting the sounds so that they can read words. Recognising what sound a letter makes is the most important skill to be learning right now so please continue to follow this practice at home to encourage the children to recognise digraphs within words, not just in isolation.

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#### Maths: Representing numbers to 5

This week the children have been representing 4 and 5 in lots of different ways. Using objects, pictures and drawings the children took part in lots of different activities that relied upon them recognising these numbers and recording these amounts in different ways.

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

This weeks core text has been "Rama and Sita: The Story of Diwali". The children have really enjoyed learning about the festival of light and all the things Hindus do to celebrate it. The class have taken part in acting out the story using story language in their speaking, making their own Rangoli patterns, creating Diva lamps and many more colourful and exciting activities.



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

Now is the time for your child to be blending sounds together to write words. It is still important to practice reading sounds in isolation but they are now expected to be able to read simple words and be able to write them. An extension of this is to ask your child to say their idea a couple of times before writing so that when they come to write a sentence, they only have to concentrate on letter formation and the sounds they need rather than keep thinking of the words.