



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024

Go, shine
in the
world







What have we been learning this week?

Phonics: Consonant clusters

We have been learning our letters and sounds in phonics. This week we have been reading words which have digraphs in them.

A digraph is when two letters placed next to each other change from being two separate sounds to one sound. We have been playing games to help us sort words into two groups. Those which have digraphs and those which do not.

 jam	Under which heading would you place each word?	 shell
	digraph	No digraph
 ring		 jump

What can I do next?

Continue to break down words into their sounds so that your child hears each sound component of the word. Over Christmas encourage your child to write thank you cards, letters, labels on drawings to keep practising their phonics.

Maths: Time.

In maths, we have focused on our daily routines. Using the text 'A Tale of Two Feathers' and 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey', the children compared events we do in the morning, afternoon and night.

What can I do next?

Continue to give your child independence with getting themselves dressed and undressed. Also remind them of why we do certain things everyday such as brushing our teeth and why this is important.



How can you help your child with their learning?

Help your child to learn different ways to make 5 (number bonds). Ask them: how can I make 5? You could say: 0+5, 1+4, 2+3, 3+2, 4+1, and 5+0!

Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in January!