



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2025

Go, shine
in the
world



What have we been learning this week?

Phonics: Digraphs

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 together make 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?

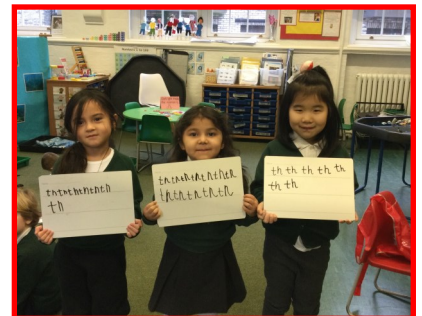


shell

| digraph | No digraph |
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|  ring |  jump |

Maths: Composition of 4 and 5

The children took part in activities whereby they had to make the total 4 or 5 using only two groups. In partners the children had 5 bean bags and they counted how many were in and outside of the hoop before counting them altogether. This activity showed us there are many different pairs of numbers that add together to make 4 and 5.



Knowledge and Understanding of the World: Underwater

This week we have began learning about our new topic for this half term: Underwater. Reception enjoyed exploring different underwater environments in the sea and used this knowledge to create their own underwater poems which they enjoyed performing to the class. Part of their learning about under the water has been to think about places we might find water. The children went on a water hunt around the school and found different places we could access water.



How can you help your child with their learning?

Give your child lots of opportunities to write independently at home. They might like to write their own shopping list or write about their picture.

Allow your child to make groups of objects. Ask them to count how many of each type of object they have in that group. How many do they have altogether?