



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025

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What have we been learning this week?

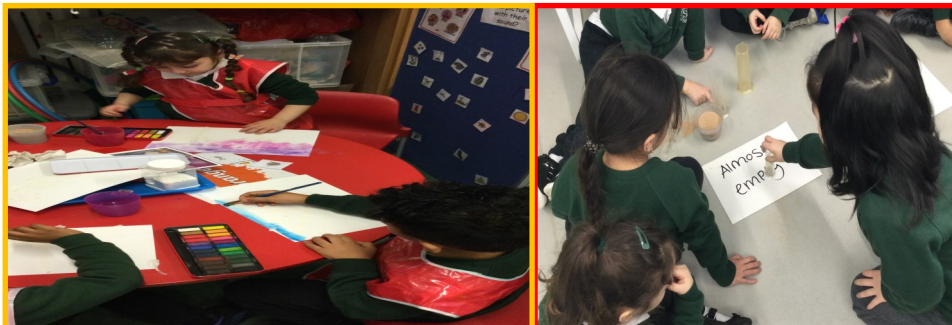
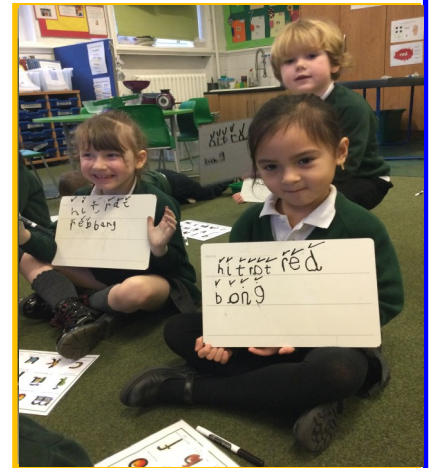
Phonics: digraphs

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 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.

Maths: Capacity

Reception class have been learning about capacity. We know that capacity is the amount of something a container can hold. We have been experimenting with water, filling containers and then using maths vocabulary to describe how much each container could hold inside it. We described the containers as 'full', 'nearly full' or 'half full' as well as 'empty'.

We also looked at mass, the children used the bucket balance to test the weight of different items around the classroom comparing them using their new vocabulary 'lighter' and 'heavier'.



We have been exploring the season of winter. We have learned that winter is the season after autumn. We have observed many trees without any leaves, frost on the ground, snow and the air feeling very cold. We know that these are signs of winter. This week we have begun to create our winter paintings. We used water colour paint, masking tape and glitter to create a picture of winter trees.

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.

Continue to read with your children daily, it is important your child points to the sounds they are reading and blends them together to say the word before moving on to the next word in the sentence. Summarise what your child has read on each page to support their understanding of what is being read.