St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

Go, shine in the world

What have we been learning this week?

Phonics

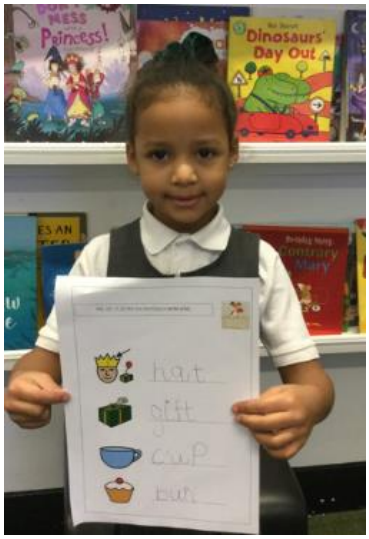
The focus this week has been reviewing and recognising set 1 phonics sounds; the sounds the letters of the alphabet make. The children are now beginning to put this knowledge into practice by learning how to sound out and then write simple three-letter words (CVC words). For example, s-i-t, m-a-n.

Maths: one more and one less

This week the children have been learning about finding one more and one less. We used birthday cakes to help us practise adding one more candle and taking one away. At home you can practise this concept using household objects to add or take away 1.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World: Birthdays

This week, we have been exploring how people celebrate their birthdays, sharing our own experiences and discussing the different ways we celebrate these special occasions. We enjoyed reading our class story, *Kippers Birthday,* and used our phonics knowledge to write a list of all the things Kipper would need to organise his birthday party.







How can you help your child with their learning?

Your child will now be bringing home a sound blending book to support their phonics learning. Encourage them to recognise and say each individual sound before blending them together to read the whole word (e.g., c-a-t, cat). Read with your child every evening so they become familiar with the skill of breaking words into sounds for reading. These should be returned Thursdays with their sharing book and homework book.