St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Reception Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

Go, shine in the world

What have we been learning this week?

Phonics

In phonics and reading practice, the children continue to practise recognising the sounds within words and segmenting the sounds so that they can read words. Recognising what sound a letter makes is an important part of reading development so please continue to follow this practice at home and encourage your child to recognise digraphs within words, not just in isolation.





Maths: composition of 3

This week in maths, we have been exploring the composition of 3. The children have been using counters to investigate how 3 can be made in different ways, such as 2 and 1 or 1 and 2. We have been learning that smaller groups (parts) can be combined to make a whole.

How can I help my child at home?

Explore different ways to make 3 using everyday objects such as toys, pieces of fruit or building blocks. For example, ask your child to separate 3 objects in to two groups. Can your child verbalise the number fact e.g. "2 + 1 = 3".

Knowledge and Understanding of the World: Birthdays

This week we have continued to explore how people celebrate their birthdays, sharing our own experiences and discussing the different ways we celebrate these special occasions. We have also been busy bakers, making our own delicious cupcakes. The children enjoyed following the recipe and of course, enjoying their creations.









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.