

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Nursery Newsletter

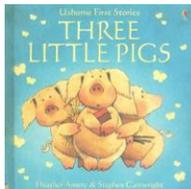


Spring Term 1
4th January 2016

Happy New Year!

We wish all of our families a very Happy New Year 2016! We hope that this will be a very exciting and fun-filled year for all of our lovely Nursery children!

Story of the week



We will be exploring the traditional, much loved tale of 'The Three Little Pigs' this week.

Religious Education

The Feast of the Epiphany



This week we will be learning about the story of the visit of the Three Kings to the Baby Jesus.. The children will be encouraged to think about the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh given to Jesus. During your prayer times together, please talk about this wonderful Feast with your child. Take time to talk about the reasons why we give gifts – to show our love for others. What are the gifts that we can give Jesus?

Song of the week



Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed,
One jumped off and bumped his (alternate 'her') head,
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
No more monkeys jumping on the bed!
Four Little Monkeys...

Social Skills



We will be introducing a new Social Skills programme called 'PALS' for all of the children in our Nursery. Developing good social skills is a key area of development for young children which impacts on all other aspects of their learning. This week, you will receive an introductory letter regarding the 'PALS' programme, which will give you more information. If you have any questions, or just wish to know more, please speak to Mrs Roche or Mrs McDonnell.

This week we will also be:

• **Making Crowns to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.**

Talk to your child about Kings and Queens and the fact that they wear crowns on special occasions.

• **Exploring materials linked to our Story of the Week.**

Explore different materials at home. Encourage your child to describe the materials using their senses, eg. what does wood, smell look and feel like? Where does it come from?

• **Encouraging the children to recognise and explore the letters in their first names.**

Explore the letters in your child's name with them. Write their name on a piece of card and put it somewhere special, eg. on their bedroom door. Help your child to explore their name in a sensory way, eg making the letters with play dough. Use large outdoor chalks etc.

N.B. Remember to use a capital letter followed by lower case letters (not all capital letters please) when you write your child's name, eg. Matteus

• **Exploring the number '3'.** Find 3 of the same objects in a number hunt. Decorate the numeral 3 together.

Reminders

• Please remember to bring back any spare clothes for your child's shoe box.
Thank you!