



Reception Weekly Focus

Week Beginning: 8th September 2025

A big warm welcome to you all as we start our first full week in Reception. Thank you to everyone for your support in sending the children to school ready to go. They have really impressed us so far. They all look so smart and grown up.

The children are settling in well, even those with a few tears at the start of the day are happy and confident during our school day. They are finding their feet in our daily routines and are working hard to learn new skills. We will continue to support this and ensure children have the best start to their year. We will also be starting our Reception Baseline this week, please see below for a link to the parent information leaflet regarding this.

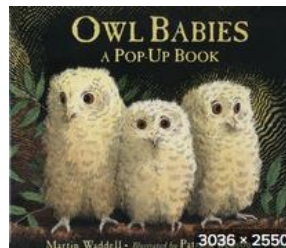
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

Our topic this half term is All About Me and you can find more information on our class page (<https://www.st-josephs.walsall.sch.uk/reception-10/>)

There are some ideas for further learning on our class page on the school website if you would like to do some work at home.

Focus Story:

Owl Babies



Rhyme of the Week:

Chop Chop

Chop chop choppity chop,

Cut off the bottom and cut off the top

What there is left, put in the pot,

Chop chop choppity chop

(Ask your child to perform this with actions)

Maths Focus: How old am I?



- Talk to the children about how old they are, were and will be this year.
- Practise counting to at least 5 by rote.
- Count objects and recognise numbers to 5

Story Time

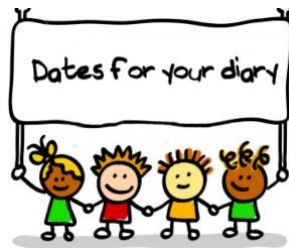
Reading books will be changed throughout the week.

Library books can be changed each week in our cloakroom. Come in as often as you need to



This week the children will:

- Learn how to use the resources in our classroom.
- Continue to practise our daily routines such as signing in, writing their names, finding their pegs independently, putting their book bags in the correct place.
- Get changed for PE - we will be encouraging independence at school (You may want to start encouraging this at home to help them further)
- Counting and singing number rhymes each day.
- Listen carefully, respond and join in with our new talk for writing story - Owl Babies
- Talking about our families - please send in any family photos that you don't mind us using at school.
- Making pictures of ourselves and our friends using natural materials.
- Creating faces using playdough
- Using our lollipop characters to tell our 'Owl babies' story
- Practise recognising and then writing our names (You may want to practise this at home too!)
- Learn about our classroom rules and expectations.
- Practising how to hold our pencils correctly for writing and drawing.
- We will start learning our phonic sounds



Monday 8th September – Reception Baseline will be taking place over the next few weeks. Find more information here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074327/2022_Information_for_parents_reception_baseline_assessment.pdf

Wednesday 17th September at 2.45pm – Reception Welcome liturgy in hall with parents and Fr Craig.

Friday 22nd September – Macmillan cake sale at 3:15pm

Thursday 16th October – Parent's Evening 2-6pm

Monday 20th October – Reception road safety