

Year 2 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 10



What have we explored this week?

We were so proud of the children's performance in our annual Shakespeare Festival. Instilling in the children the confidence to perform on stage in front of an audience is one of the many things we take pride in at St James and we were delighted to witness this on Wednesday morning. We are very grateful to you for your support for this important event. It was also lovely to see so many of you on Monday morning at our Book Look.

As well as the Shakespeare excitement, we have continued with much of our curriculum this week. In English, we have asked the children to plan and begin writing their own non-fiction piece, based on a dragon or a unicorn. In Maths, we have introduced the column methods of addition and subtraction as well as a quick revision of fractions. We will revisit both of these important topics next term.

Year 2 are growing sunflowers and pumpkins, for an upcoming competition run by the Eco Committee. Well done to our Eco Committee representatives for their diligence in watering and maintaining the seedlings.



Things to Remember

- We still have a couple of events to look forward to before the Easter holidays:
 - Tuesday 26th March - Easter Service, St Mary's Church (9:15am start)
 - Wednesday 27th March - Grandparents Morning (<https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>) and End of Term (11:30am pick-up)
- On Monday 25th March, the School Council is hosting an Easter Bake Off for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children who wish to enter should bring in 6 small Easter bakes (nut free) on Monday morning. These will be judged by the School Council and the winners will receive 100 house points. Any child who enters will also earn 10 house points. Bakes should be labelled with name, class and description.
- We are very much looking forward to Grandparents Morning on Wednesday 27th March. If the pupils would like to make an Easter themed Hat for the Parade on this day, they are welcome to do so at home and bring in for this special event.
- As usual, this week's homework is in the yellow folder. Pupils have been given until Wednesday 27th March to complete all tasks as best as they are able to. The Maths task should take roughly 20-25 minutes. This week, the English homework is to rehearse a poem that Year 2 are performing in the Church on Tuesday. Mrs Cook has very kindly added some actions to go with the words. There is no spelling list as we are not in school on Friday next week for the test.
- The children are all looking forward to a well-earned break over the Easter holidays. They have worked very hard this term and deserve some rest. However, we do have a few suggestions of English and Maths activities they could complete over the break.

The following activities are recommended for Maths:

- Times Tables Rock Stars - Many children are doing an outstanding job of learning their times tables and division facts. Please continue to play in Garage mode with an aim to getting the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables to green! Children are welcome to play in other modes too but please keep the key focus on Garage mode.
- National Oak Academy - If there are any maths topics that you would like to explore or revise then please use the lessons available on this site.

<https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/maths-primary-ks1-1/units>

- Power Maths Books- These are workbooks which link with our curriculum and teaching style. Please purchase 2A to consolidate previously learnt topics. However, families that would like additional work are welcome to work through 2B or 2C in addition to 2A. Be aware that some topics in 2B and 2C are yet to be formally taught in class.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/product/power-maths-ppb-2a>

- Hit The Button- There is a huge variety of mathematical recall activities (such as number bonds, doubling and halving etc) that children can complete on Hit The Button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

The following activities are recommended for English:

- Once again, we have given them each an optional Holiday Diary should they wish to share anything of interest from their break.
- In the final week of term, we collect all reading books in for an inventory but your child will never be short of a book to read because this wonderful resource is available to you at all times.
- Please log in to *Oxford Reading Buddy* with the sign-in card which has been stuck into the back of your child's reading log.
- When your child reads an online book please note down the name of the book in their reading log as normal. This also applies to any Quizzes completed. If your child enjoys reading other books during the holidays, please also note those down in the reading log.
- We have given the children a spelling activity to work on over the holidays, should they wish to practise common exception words over the break.



We wish you a restful, peaceful and happy Easter break.

Happy holidays

