



Year 1 Newsletter: Summer Term 1, Week 2

What have we explored this week?

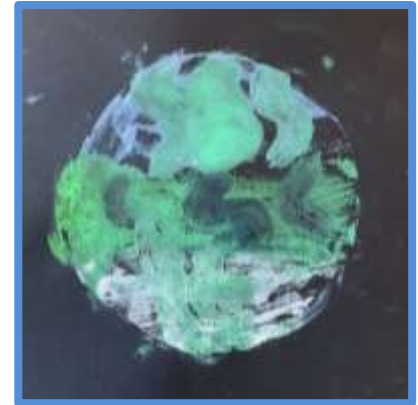
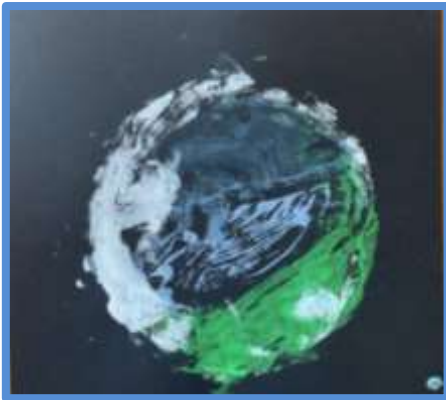
What a wonderful welcome I have had to Year 1! I feel very lucky to be joining your lovely children this term and look forward to the learning, growing and fun we have ahead of us.

We started our first day together by making our own 'All About Me' booklets. This gave me a chance to get to know the children better as they wrote and drew about their families (and pets!) and some of their favourite things.

There was a very special visitor in class – Spotty! We just so happened to be reading a book all about taking care of dogs so he was a perfect addition to our lesson. The children practised being still and calm, allowing Spotty to wander around and greet everyone with a friendly wag of his tail. We hope he comes to visit us again soon!



On Monday we celebrated Earth Day! We spent some time showing gratitude for all the beauty on Earth. One member of the class noted how every day when she walks home from school she sees a tree with beautiful pink flowers – a great reminder to us all to appreciate the beauty during what can be a busy commute to and from school! After some discussions about how humans can harm the Earth and how we can all do our best to protect it, we examined pictures of Earth from space. Take a look at some of the fantastic prints we made!



During Maths this week we have continued to learn about mass. The balance scales have been super tools for the children to explore mass and measuring in a practical way.



Things to remember

- Please note that if your child has had **diarrhoea or vomited**, they need to be kept home for **48 hours**. This is important to prevent the spreading of viruses and is NHS and school policy.
- Please remember to read with your child every evening for approximately 10 mins. If you are struggling to find time please let me know and we can make a plan together.
- Please ensure your child has a smock at school every day. In addition to being necessary for lunchtime, they are useful for when we do crafts in class.
- I have sent home collection register forms – please could you fill this in and hand back if you have not already. This is to ensure I am aware who is allowed to collect your child. If someone new is going to collect your child from school, please email the office with their name and a picture.
- If you have any questions or would like to inform me of anything, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office or at the end of the day.
- **Wednesday 22nd May at 8:20am:** All parents are invited to a meeting about the exciting upcoming Digital Transformation at St James Prep, an initiative involving Years 4, 5 and 6 initially. The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to learn about how devices will be used to enhance teaching and learning, including hands-on demonstrations, and for you to ask about any queries you may have.