



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Nursery Newsletter: Summer Term 1, Week 5

What have we explored this week?

Seahorses Class



We have been learning an amended version of the traditional tale of 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. We have been learning the magic phrases to make the porridge pot make porridge, "Cook pot Cook!" and to make it stop, "Stop Pot Stop!" The children found it hilarious when the porridge spilt out onto the streets!



In Maths this week we have been 'noticing patterns and arranging things in a pattern.' The children have been matching safari animal patterns to the animal and they have been learning to make a repeating pattern such as blue, red, blue, red.



Our continents this week are Africa and Europe. We have been learning about the wonderful safari animals and all about food from Europe.



Dolphin Class



Our Traditional tale this week is the story of the Magic Porridge Pot. The children were in hysterics when we were reading the story. They loved how they couldn't remember the words to stop the porridge from spilling out! We created a story map together and we made some early writing frames.

Our sound of the week is 'R'! We learnt the Jolly Phonics song and practised forming the letter using the interactive board, books and worksheets. The children did really well remembering the phrase when we form R - "Down the robot, up the robot and over the arm".



We introduced some very simple subtraction to 5 to the children and taught the children about 'King Minus' who teaches the children about the '-' sign. King Minus is a grumpy king who takes away and makes the numbers smaller.

This week we have been learning all about Africa and Europe. We have learnt about the animals in Africa and the cities in Europe. We have also been doing some simple writing frames about Africa. The children worked really hard on these and we encouraged them to use their phonic sound awareness to write the words and/or sound them out.

Animal of the week:

Aardvark



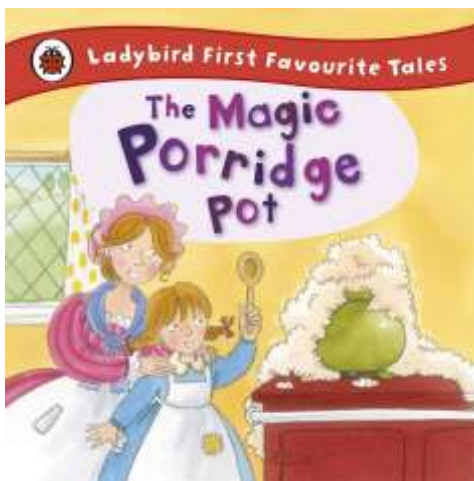
Can you remember a fun fact about this animal?

Song of the week:

Five Little Speckled Frogs



Book of the week:



The Magic Porridge Pot

Theme for the half term:

The Continents!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>



Theme for the week:

Africa and Europe



What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Mrs Slater is going to Sheffield to see her family.

Miss Keyla is playing tennis.

Miss Naomi is having a birthday party!

Miss Carla is going to Chessington world of adventures

Miss Nataliia is doing a yoga exam

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 pack a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case of accidents, or messy play!
- A reminder that morning session pick up is at 11:45am and full day pick up is at 3pm.
- If your child is potty training, please put your child in a non-pop vest to promote independence. Please continue to model correct toileting to your children. We will continue to reinforce this at school.
- A reminder to continue to replace pull up nappies with **tabbed nappies**. This way, we don't have to fully undress your child to change them.
- Assembly at the main school building continues on Thursdays and Fridays. Please drop your child off at the main school building between 8 and 8:20 on these mornings.
- Can we kindly ask for you to refrain from bringing toys into Nursery. We are finding it tricky to keep track of them and cannot be responsible if they go missing or break.
- We go to the Library every Thursday, so please send your library books back on a Wednesday or a Thursday so that the children can choose a new book.
- We break up for half term on Friday 24th May; pick up is at 11.30am for everyone.
- Reminder to bring a water bottle and sun hat for this sunny weather!