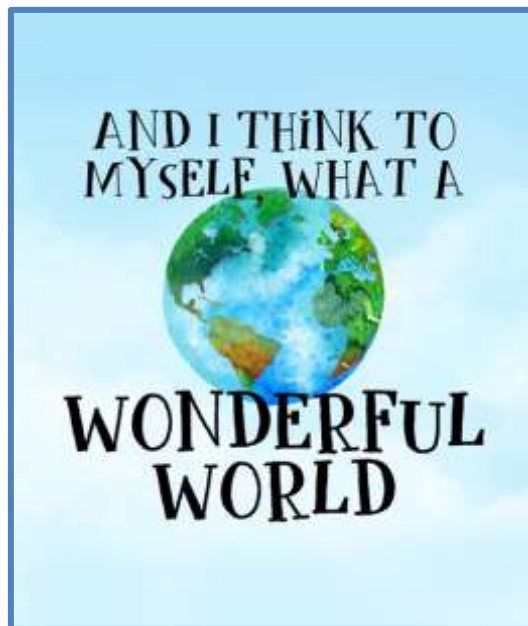




Year 1 Newsletter: Summer Term 1, Week 3

What have we explored this week?

In Philosophy this week we focused on beauty. We listened to Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World'. Listening carefully to the lyrics, we were inspired by all the beautiful parts of life on earth, and how the singer finds gratitude in these everyday moments. I loved how some of the children explored the idea of what is beautiful in the sports they play. We spoke about the beauty of sportsmanship and how we can practise this on the playground with our friends. The children all contributed to our class display poster, drawing pictures of what they find especially beautiful!



We continued to explore plants in Science this week. Last week we went to Forest School to observe the different flowers in bloom and to sketch them. In the classroom, we did some dissecting to learn the names of the different parts of the flower and their function. We have also spent some time looking at the differences between garden plants and wild plants. If you are out in nature this weekend, please keep an eye out for the different flowers you see and take some photos for us to share with the class. Or perhaps your garden has some interesting flowers for us to look at!

We had great fun playing a memory matching game to help us learn the names of some flowers and plants we might find in our local area. If you are interested in having a copy of the game, please let me know and I would be happy to send some home for you to play as a family.



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.
- **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.
- We are delighted to be taking part in National Numeracy Day on **Wednesday 22nd May**. We will be focusing on nurturing a love of problem solving and logical thinking on this day, Children are strongly encouraged to dress up in a maths themed outfit. We had some incredible outfits last year and can't wait to see the children's creativity this year, there are prizes to be won!
- Sports Day will take place on Friday the 24th of May. Information will be sent shortly. **Please note, pick up is at 12noon on this day.**
- 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.