



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 5



What have we explored this week?

Today was 'Feel Good Friday'. It was all about mental health, in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Week. The children were treated to a drama workshop that nurtures emotional wellbeing through a story. Using the story of 'Ruby's Worry', Year 2 were guided through a session by our fabulous pupil Listening Ear, Mrs Kourtis.

In Maths this week we have been measuring mass (kg/g) and temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) to the nearest appropriate unit. We have also been reading scales to the nearest appropriate unit.

In English, we have drawn our own story plans, shared our ideas with our friends and talked through what we plan to write. Y2 have some great ideas and the independent writing has now begun. What a super week of English, Year 2!

In Science we soaked seeds, peeled each seed coat off and looked closely at the different parts of the seed. We can explain how it will grow into a seed and germinate!



Things to Remember

- As usual, this week's homework is in the yellow folder. Pupils have been given until Wednesday 22nd May to complete all tasks as best as they are able to. The Spelling and Maths tasks should take 20-25 minutes. This week's English homework is a comprehension task.
- There is a letter in your child's homework folder about our forthcoming trip to Holland Park where we will do some orienteering, enjoy the Kyoto Gardens and let off some steam in the Adventure Playground. Please sign the consent form on the letter and return it to school by Wednesday 22nd May.
- Please do ensure you are listening to your child read aloud as much as possible – ideally on a daily basis, filling in the yellow reading record. We would encourage quality reading of 10-15 minutes (including discussion) rather than lengthy sessions of page turning! Even though your child may not finish a book every night, they always need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.
- We very much hope that you can join us at our Year 2 assembly on **Tuesday 21st May at 8:30am**. We look forward to showcasing some of our learning with you.
- **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, and 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!
- We are very much looking forward to Sports Day on **Friday 24th May**. Please can we remind you that this will take place at Linford Christie Stadium and we ask you to take your child directly to the venue that morning. We expect the event will finish by 12pm. Please ensure that your child is collected from the venue by then, if you are not planning to stay and support, which you are of course very welcome to!
- Some children are using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) regularly and we are already seeing the benefit in class. We are going to be giving extra House Point rewards to pupils who do this, so please do encourage your child to use this excellent resource. Ms Foster has stipulated that each week **TTRS must be played in Garage Mode only**, for 2 x 5-minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.