



Nursery Newsletter: Autumn Term 2, Week 1

What have we explored this week?



What a fantastic week to begin Forest School. The sun shone as the children explored the 'forest'. Having recited the Bear Hunt on the way over, the children searched for the bear in the trees. There was great excitement (and a lot of screaming) when they heard the bear's roar. Who knew there was a bear living in our forest school area! The trees proved very exciting, with all the children being really brave and having a go at climbing a tree.



In topic this week the children have explored the features on their faces. Using mirrors, they identified eye and hair colour to create a self portrait with some wonderful results. Later in the week the children used spaghetti to create hair. Using scissors, they trimmed the 'hair' to the desired length.



Following the children's interests, we went off topic a little this week and discovered the world of dinosaurs. The children's imaginations were sparked through hands on dino-themed activities which saw the dinosaurs enjoying all sorts of food that perhaps wasn't available back in the Jurassic!



What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is going to the seaside

Miss Fortune is going to the cinema

Miss Robertson is going to a panic room

Miss Tsurkan is going to watch a sand show

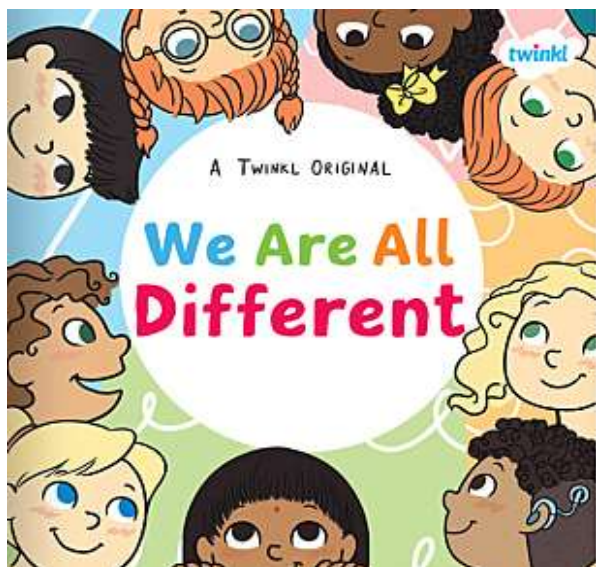
Song of the week:

Head Shoulders Knees and Toes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RugvGiZi0qg>



Book of the week:



Theme for the half term

All About Me



Meet the Teachers



- Anna Tajeddin, Head of Early Years, has been teaching in Early Years for 25 years, most recently at Orchard House in Chiswick
- Carla Fortune, Nursery TA, is in her second year at St James Prep School
- Miss Lily Robertson, Nursery TA, and a former pupil of St James Sixth Form, joined the school in 2023
- Miss Iryna Tsurkan, Nursery TA, moved to the UK from Ukraine two years ago where she worked in educational setting

Things to remember

- **An Invitation:**

You are all invited to attend our **Nursery Coffee Morning on Wednesday 25th September** from 8-8.30am in the Nursery. The coffee morning will be followed by a repeat of the 'Year Ahead' talk for anyone who could not attend last week. This will also provide an opportunity for you to meet all the Nursery staff.

- All classes at St James Prep have a class rep, known as a PCC. The PCC is invaluable in keeping parents informed of events, dates, times and must know information. We are urgently in need of a PPC for the Nursery class. If you think you would be interested in taking on the role of PCC for the Nursery Class please speak to a member of the Nursery team.
- As we have started to enjoy Forest School this week we ask that everyone please brings in a pair of wellies; forest school can be very muddy!
- A Reminder to bring a NAMED water bottle every day please. These will be returned daily.
- Assembly at the main school building continues on Thursdays and Fridays. Please drop your child off at the main school building between 8am and 8:20am on these mornings.
- Friday is Library day. Your child will bring home a library book. Please return the book each Friday so your child can choose a new book.
- If your child is potty training, please put them in a non-pop vest to promote independence and add an extra set of spare clothes in case of accidents. Please continue to model correct toileting to your children. We will continue to reinforce this at school.
- Please remember to pack a spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case of accidents, or messy play!
- Please note that if your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, they need to be kept at home for 48 hours. This is important to prevent the spreading of viruses and is both NHS and school policy.

Pictures from the Week!

