



**ST JAMES**  
Preparatory School

## Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1, Week 2

### What have we explored this week?



Welcome back to school life, where you can now enjoy your coffee in peace! We hope you had a wonderful summer holiday making memories with family. The children have completed their first week in Year 1 and have settled back into school routines. The timetable has been in full swing this week.

It has been great fun being an Intrepid Explorer like Christopher Columbus. In our learning we have been fearless and curious, as we embark on our new journey in Year 1.

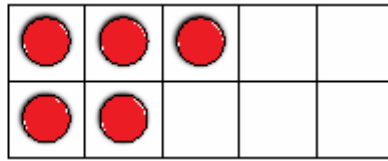
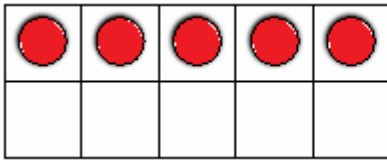
In Phonics, the children have recapped their sounds from the end of last year to ensure they are embedded for Year 1 reading and writing. We have continued to use floppy phonics as a strong and familiar resource to support the children's learning. The children will continue to learn digraphs and trigraphs each week.

We have started learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. We explored real turnips using our senses and adjectives. We went into the school vegetable garden where we found an enormous pumpkin. We have used watercolour paints to create colourful artwork and we acted out a scene from the story where each child turned into a different character.



Our 'Star words' in Maths this week- more than, less than, order.

The children have been ordering numbers and using objects to represent amounts. The children placed objects into a tens frame. This allowed them to recognise amounts from their arrangement.



### Things to remember

- Please ensure every item of uniform is named. Missing uniform is often sent to the lost property basket near to the front office.
- Please bring reading folders and water bottle to school every day.
- Thank you so much for coming to the Year One class curriculum meeting. It was a pleasure meeting everyone who could make it.
- Swimming is not until after October half term.
- Please find our class timetables for reference below.
- All contact with teachers is through the following email: [office@stjamesprep.co.uk](mailto:office@stjamesprep.co.uk)

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Miss Laird and Mrs Cselko





**Timetable for 1L  
2024-2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:55 – 08:15	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:15 – 08:30	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 
08:30 – 09:00	Philosophy 	Whole School Assembly 	Story Assembly 	Singing Assembly 	Commendations Assembly 
09:00 – 09:30 Lesson 1	Phonics 	Phonics 	Phonics 	Phonics 	Phonics 
09:30 – 10:00 Lesson 2	English 	Maths 	English 	Maths 	Maths 
10:00-10:20	<i>Break</i>				
10:20 – 11:00 Lesson 3	Maths 	English 	Maths 	Drama 	English 
11:00 – 11:30 Lesson 4				English 	
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Lunch</i>				
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Break</i>				
12:30 – 13:00 Lesson 5	Sanskrit 	Art and Design 	RS 	Sanskrit 	Music 
13:00 – 13:30 Lesson 6	Gym 	Science/FS 	Swimming/ Enrichment 	ICT 	Gym 
13:30 – 14:00 Lesson 7	Library 			Geography/ History 	Sanskrit 
14:00 – 14:20	<i>Break</i>				
14:20 – 15:05 Lesson 8	PSHEE 	Science/FS 	Swimming/ Enrichment 	Geography/ History 	Golden Time 
15:05 – 15:15	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

**Timetable for 1C  
2024-2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:55 – 08:15	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:15 – 08:30	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 
08:30 – 09:00	Philosophy 	Whole School Assembly 	Story Assembly 	Singing Assembly 	Commendations Assembly 
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09:30 – 10:00 Lesson 2	English 	Maths 	English 	Maths 	Maths 
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10:20 – 11:00 Lesson 3	Maths 	English 	Maths 	Gym 	English 
11:00 – 11:30 Lesson 4				English 	
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Lunch</i>				
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12:30 – 13:00 Lesson 5	ICT 	RS 	Art and Design 	Drama 	Gym 
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