



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1, Week 4

What have we explored this week?



We have had a wonderful week at school. At St James we are all friends and to celebrate this we have been sharing our ideas about friendship. We know we can show we are listening by nodding or repeating what the other person has said. What else makes a good friend?

Year one have had opportunities in class to bond through play. They have reconnected with old friends and created new flourishing friendships. Playing in a relaxed setting enables children to feel settled and open to communicate their ideas and feelings in imaginative and calm settings. This could be whilst colouring, using Lego, reading books or using role play toys.



Charity

Our new school charity is for London's homeless and in Assembly we heard from the truly inspirational founder of *Under One Sky*. We hope to help this charity by donating the items suggested.

English

Everybody is reading regularly and this is helping us to make good progress in all our learning. This week in English our focus has been on adjectives - words to describe nouns. In order to find suitable words, it is helpful to look at the colour, shape and size of things.

Maths

Our 'Star words' in Maths this week are *fewer, same as and more*.

This week in Maths we have been familiarising ourselves with place value. We have been practising finding one less than a number. We have described the position of a number by saying one more than and one less than. For example, '*12 is one more than 11 and 11 is one less than 12*'. The children have been learning to read and answer the questions with as much independence as possible. We have been practising number formation.

Once the children finish their work they move onto a challenge to extend their learning and stretch their brains. This encourages lots of verbal reasoning using Maths vocabulary.

Cooking

This week 1L were very excited to be cooking with Chef Suzie. They baked English Pear Cake and as always were brilliant at adding all the ingredients all by themselves. They learnt the names of cooking equipment such as sieve, whisk and spatula. With the taste of cinnamon this is a delightful autumn treat for the family.

RS

This week the children have been learning the creation story from the Bible. This was taught through fun and colourful pictures, stories and videos. The children have shared their wonderful ideas on how they think the world was created.







Swedish Pear Cake

This fabulous and fool-proof seasonal cake fills any gap from pud to tea time to elevenses – perfect for this time of year!

Makes about 10 slices

Ingredients:

3 eggs
 150g caster sugar
 250g flour
 1 ½ tsp baking powder
 150g butter + a couple of knobs
 3 pears, peeled and cut into large bite-sized chunks
 ¼ tsp cinnamon
 3 tbsp golden granulated sugar for the top



Method:

1. Pre-heat oven 175°C/350°F.
2. Whisk the eggs and sugar either by hand or in a mixer until thick and pale.
3. Sift in the flour and baking powder, and fold gently until all combined.
4. Melt the butter in 240ml hot water and beat into the mixture.
5. Grease an oven-proof frying pan (25cm x 5cm deep) with a knob of butter, then pour the batter in.
6. Drop the pieces of pear into the mix – don't worry if it's pretty crowded in there.
7. Brush the top with melted butter and sprinkle liberally with golden granulated sugar and some cinnamon.
8. Put into oven for 40-50 mins, then take it out and leave to cool in the pan for 10 minutes.
9. Run a knife round the edge and turn out onto a plate, then flip again so the apples are on top.
10. Serve hot or room temp with dairy of your choiceor not!








Things to remember

- Bring library books on Monday
- Bring your smock on Monday. Please make sure it has a hook so it can be hung on a peg.
- Forest School gear can remain at school all the time. We will only send it home if it is dirty.
- All contact with teachers is through the following email:
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
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