



# ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1, Week 3

## What have we explored this week?



The last two weeks we have been understanding and exploring the concept of place value - working in tens and ones. We started by partitioning numbers in tens and ones (I can partition 74 into 70 and 4) and towards the end of the week started flexibly partitioning (for example, I can partition 74 into 14 and 60). We had fun playing around with our base ten blocks to see different ways we could partition and match number names. Our big class challenge was to build our own groups of 10 and see how many blocks we had in the whole classroom! We then grouped our 10s into 100s and practised counting in 100s!





In History this half term we are exploring the history of flight! The children worked in groups to gather facts about early aircrafts and created their own information posters. I loved seeing them work together.

I've noticed our class are particularly keen biologists! We always seem to end up talking about our favourite animals and wonderful and weird natural phenomena! Learning about habitats continues to spark their interest. We spoke about how habitats provide everything a living thing needs to live and then looked at sorting animals into their natural habitats.



We looked at the word “because” in Philosophy and the importance of giving logical reasons for our thoughts and opinions. We practised this when taking turns sorting the animals. We started with “I think a \_\_\_\_ lives \_\_\_\_ because ...”. It was a great way to hear the amazing knowledge the children already have about animals and see where we can explore and build on it. My favourite ‘because’ sentence had to be Omar’s, “I think a frog lives in a pond because it loves jumping in lots of puddles!”

## Things to remember

- Homework is due the Friday after it has been handed out. Please do not do more than 20/25 minutes of homework a day and reach out if you are struggling to get through it.
- Please ensure your child has a smock at school every day, named and with a loop for it hung up.
- We are swimming this half term. Please remember to pack swimming bags **every Wednesday**.
- If you have any questions or would like to inform me of anything, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office ([office@stjamesprep.co.uk](mailto:office@stjamesprep.co.uk)) or at the end of the day.