



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1, Week 5

What have we explored this week?

Happy International poetry day!

Monday's child stands up proud.
Tuesday's child speaks clear and loud.
Wednesday's child likes to dream and ponder.
Thursday's child loves to wander.
Friday's child can be slow - or speedy.
Saturday's child will help the needy.
And the child that is born on the Sunday
is as special as the rest in every way.



Phonics

We have continued learning letter sounds with the floppy phonics program. This week we learnt the sounds igh, ie, oa, ow. We practised reading and writing these sounds within words. The children are reminded to write sentences starting with a capital letter with finger spaces and full stops.

English

In English lessons this week, the children continued learning about how our story - The Enormous Turnip - is ordered. They looked at a selection of sentence starters taken from the story and worked out how best to order them. They told each other their own stories and soon realised that starting a story with the word 'Finally' would be completely topsy turvy!

Maths

Our 'Star words' in Maths this week are **greater than, less than and equal to**.

This week we have been learning about the value of a number. The children have learnt to show their answers using specific signs and explain their answers using the star words. 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.

<, > or =

Cooking

This week 1C were very excited to be cooking with Chef Suzie. They baked English Pear Cake and added all the ingredients by themselves. They learnt to crack an egg, use a sieve and mix the ingredients using a whisk.



Art

Class 1L had an extra art lesson where they created a bright and colourful picture of Divali. They used chalks to make marks and patterns of light, fireworks and divas. They enjoyed learning a range of techniques with the chalk to create different effects.





We reflected on the beauty of the earth and all the creations within land and sea. We then thought about how human activity can have a negative impact on planet earth. We discussed ways that we can be kind to the planet. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

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Swedish Pear Cake

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

Makes about 10 slices



Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 150g caster sugar
- 250g flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 150g butter + a couple of knobs
- 3 pears, peeled and cut into large bite-sized chunks
- 3 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 soured 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 choice ...or 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

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2024-2025**

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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>				
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11:00 – 11:30 Lesson 4				English 	
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Lunch</i>				
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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 
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