



# ST JAMES

Preparatory School

## Nursery Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 10

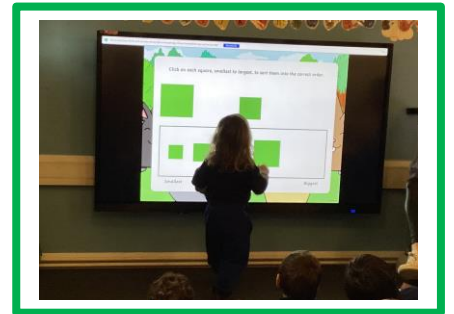
### What have we explored this week?



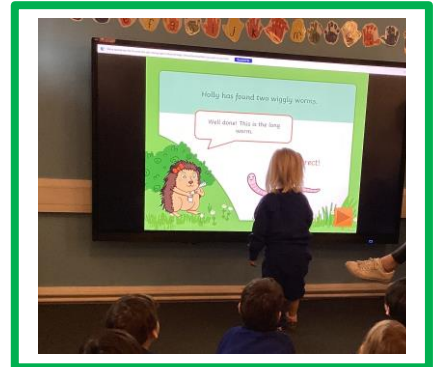
What a fun day we had last Friday! Feel Good Friday provided a wonderful opportunity for the Nursery children to spend time with their Year 3 buddies. Everyone worked collaboratively to produce rainbow clouds adorned with reasons they like each other. It was an excellent bonding opportunity, with a lovely family feel.



Maths learning this week has focused on the concepts of "big" and "small". Through group activities and hands on experiences the children have deepened their understanding of scale and proportion.



As part of this term's topic of Festivals, the Nursery children have been learning about Diwali. They had a wonderful time as they took part in Diwali biscuit making. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and creativity as they explored this special festival together!



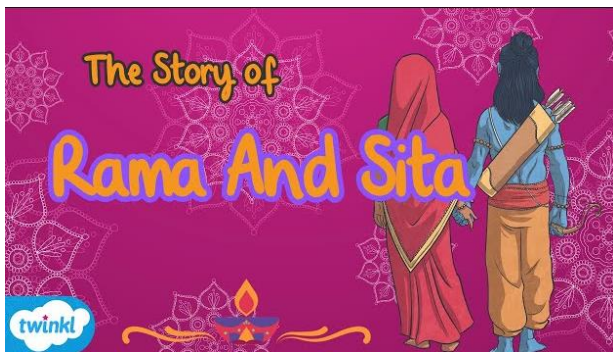
Cooking and food has been an on-going theme for us this week with the children taking part in their second cooking session. Our budding chefs worked with enthusiasm to produce quesadillas. If they tasted half as good as they smelt you will all have a fantastic treat. Should you want to reproduce the quesadillas at home the recipe is on the next page. A huge thank you to Chef Suzie for the experience.



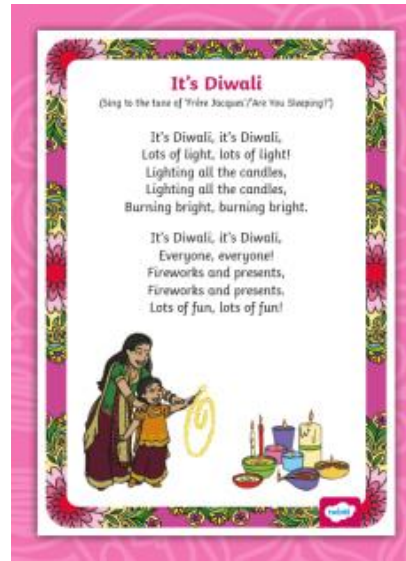
## What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is going to Norfolk  
Miss Fortune is away on a weekend break  
Miss Robertson is going to a pottery class  
Miss Tsurkan is going shopping for Christmas decorations

## Book of the week: The Story of Rama and Sita



## Song of the week: It's Diwali



## Theme for the half term *Festivals*



### Queso Quesadilla

Makes 2 x 6-inch quesadillas = 12 wedges



#### Ingredients:

4 x 6" flour tortillas

3 mega-mountain heaped tbsp cooked red lentils

3 tbsp passata

Pinch oregano

Pinch smoked paprika

Pinch salt

3 tbsp sweetcorn

8 tsp ricotta

1 spring onion

Few sprigs of coriander

Few leaves of flat leaf parsley

60g mature cheddar, grated

Brush of olive oil

Sprinkling of cheese on top

#### Method:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 200C.

2. Line a big baking tray big enough to fit two tortillas side by side with baking parchment and lay down two tortillas on it, not overlapping.

## Queso Quesadilla

#### Method:

3. In a small bowl mix the cooked lentils with the passata, oregano, smoked paprika and salt and give it a good stir.

4. Share this mix between the two tortillas, using the back of the spoon to spread it nearly to the edge, leaving a 1cm border all round.

5. Sprinkle the corn on top, followed by 4 teaspoon blobs of ricotta on each, squishing them down a bit with the back of the teaspoon.

6. Using scissors, cut the spring onion into little pieces and scatter on top.

7. With your hands, tear the coriander and parsley leaves and share between the tortillas.

8. Put a third of the cheddar aside, then evenly scatter the rest on top of the herbs all over as it's the glue that will hold our quesadillas together.

9. Lay the other two tortillas gently on top of each one and gently press them down.

10. Brush lightly all over with oil, and scatter the last of the cheese all over the tops.

11. Bake in the oven for 10 mins, then leave to cool for a couple of minutes.

12. Then slide them onto a cutting board, cut each quesadilla into 6 wedges and serve with a pot of sour cream on the side.

## Things to remember

- The Christmas Market is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12pm to 4pm.
- The next Performance Tea is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. You can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KtR46pZ8ac>
- The Nativity performances for parents are on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. Tickets can be booked here: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- If you have not yet connected to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:  
<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=C894ED2>

As well as being a way of enabling quick communication between home and school, ClassDojo is used to award and tally house points, so you will be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

**You do not need to sign up for the paid 'Plus' version of Class Dojo.**

- The Christmas Carol Service is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Kensington at 9:15am. There will be refreshments for parents in the Courtyard from 8:15am.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December is also Christmas Lunch. Children are welcome to bring in Christmas jumpers and hats to wear after the Carol Service.
- Term ends at 11:30am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Thank you to everyone who attend the parent teacher interviews this week. It was lovely to have the opportunity to celebrate your children's progress. Anyone who was not able to attend please speak to a member of the Nursery team to make an alternate appointment.
- As the weather gets colder please remember to send your child in with appropriate clothing including hats and gloves. We try to get the children outside each day whatever the weather. In addition to the children walking to and from the main school, which, in the recent downpours, has felt like quite a walk!
- We kindly remind you to please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 3:00 PM. Timely pick-up helps us maintain a smooth routine for all children and prevents children from becoming distressed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- As we are now in our second half term of the year we will be sending home the next set of home learning for the children. Please return your child's homework folder so we can refill them.

- Please remember to pack at least one spare change of clothes in your child's bag in case of accidents, or messy play! **If your child does need to be changed at nursery you are kindly reminded to bring in replacement spare clothes the next day.** While we have a few spares at nursery, these are limited and we cannot guarantee we will have the items of clothing your child needs.
- As we continue to enjoy Forest School even though the weather is changing 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.**
- **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**
- 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!

