



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Nursery Newsletter: Autumn Term 2, Week 1

What have we explored this week?



Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful break. From all the exciting stories we've been hearing, it sounds like there was plenty of fun over the holidays.



The children have absolutely loved being back, filling our Nursery with lots of cheerful chatter and laughter. The addition of some new equipment has been a big hit. The children have spent extended lengths of time experimenting with citrus fruit in the water tray. In our café role-play area, children have been busy taking orders and serving up "delicious meals," practising those important social skills in such a fun way.

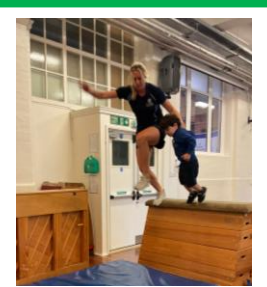


This week, the children have been captivated by learning about Fireworks Night! They've enjoyed exploring all the vibrant colours and exciting sounds that come with it, sparking their curiosity and creativity.

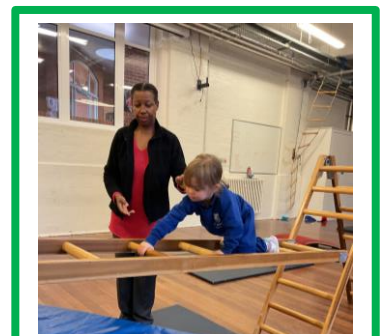


Having introduced our story of the week, Sparks in the Sky, the

children had their first go at sequencing the story, putting events in order and building their storytelling skills.



On the last day before half term, the children had an exciting treat as they got to try out the school gym. They absolutely loved putting their gross motor skills to the test. There was plenty of climbing, jumping, and exploring, with some real daredevils in the mix!



What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is going to Norfolk with her son

Miss Fortune is going to a party

Miss Robertson is going to do some yoga

Miss Tsurkan is going to the British Museum

Song of the week:

Five Little Rockets

Firework Number Rhyme

(Teach this as a spoken rhyme or choose a tune of your own.)

5 pretty fireworks,
Zooming way up high,
1 went BANG!
And lit up the sky!

4 pretty fireworks,
Zooming way up high,
1 went BANG!
And lit up the sky!

3 pretty fireworks,
Zooming way up high,
1 went BANG!
And lit up the sky!

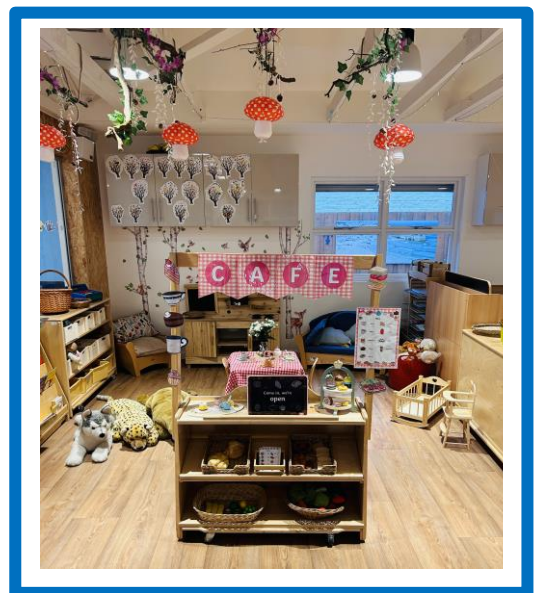
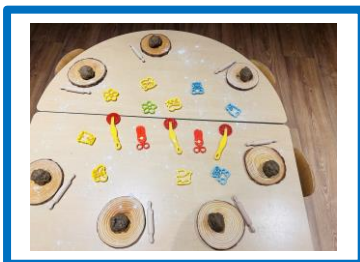
2 pretty fireworks,
Zooming way up high,
1 went BANG!
And lit up the sky!

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Book of the week: Sparks in the Sky



This Week's Set Ups



Things to remember

- We are pleased to be launching ClassDojo for parents as a way of enabling quick communication between home and school. Please do read Mrs Wyatt's newsletter which has specific guidance about when to use ClassDojo to communicate and when an email to the school office is more appropriate. To connect to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=C894ED2>

ClassDojo is also used to award and tally house points, so you will now be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

- We are all excited for **Feel Good Friday on Friday 15th November**. It will be all based on the theme of Buddies! We will spend some time together during the day, including lunch, playtime and a fun craft challenge. Additionally, we would invite the children to come to school wearing odd socks on this day! This will help us to celebrate difference - a theme we have been looking at in our PSHEE lessons. This will be a fabulous conclusion to our Anti-Bullying week.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs)**: You have the opportunity to book a 20-minute meeting with Miss Tajeddin to discuss your child's progress so far this term. Nursery's meetings are being held on Thursday 21st November. Please book your appointment if you haven't already on SchoolCloud via this link:
<https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- **If your child is still in nappies please remember to bring in a large pack of tabs nappies. Whilst we hold a few spares in case of emergencies nappies are not supplied by the Nursery.**
- **A Reminder that water bottles are not supplied by the Nursery. Please bring a NAMED water bottle every day.**
- At St James Prep School we love to get our families involved with school life. The school runs several clubs for parents which everyone is invited to. With Choir, Sanskrit and Art club all on offer every week, there is something for everyone. Please ask a member of staff for more details.
- Please continue to remember your library books every Friday. This week there were lots of library books missing. Your child will not be able to take a new book until we receive the book they have already borrowed.
- Drop off on Thursday and Friday mornings continues to be at the main school between 8am and 8.20am. On both mornings the children take part in assembly and then remain in the main school for specialist sessions. If you find yourselves having a tricky morning and arriving a little late on a Thursday or Friday please come to the main school. Staff in the main school will then be able to unite your child with the class. Please note, there is no one in the Nursery until 10am on Thursday and Friday mornings.

- Thank you to everyone who sent in spare clothes this week. Please remember to include plenty of underwear. We have very few spare pairs of Nursery underwear and we cannot guarantee we will have any available. **If your child does need to be changed at Nursery you are kindly reminded to bring in replacement spare clothes the next day.**
- 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!
- As we move towards colder days unfortunately we are likely to experience more coughs, colds and bugs. 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!

