



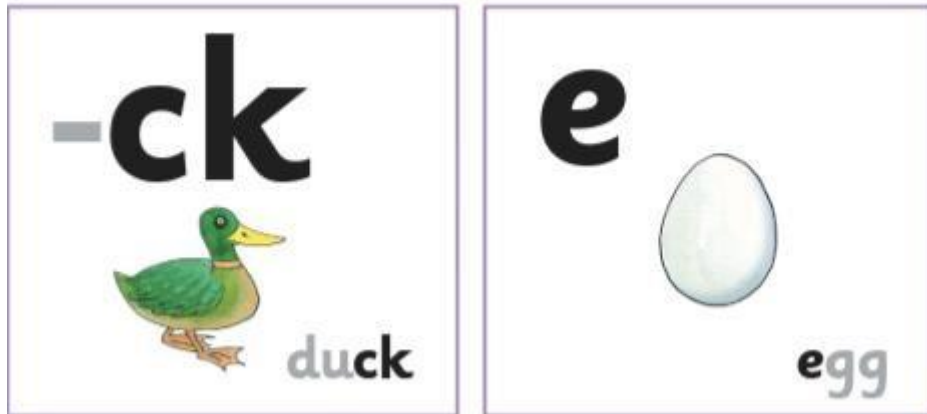
ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Reception Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 9

What have we explored this week?

This week's Phonics sounds:



Please do use the Phonics keyrings and tricky word bookmarks to recap the purple sounds and Phase 2 tricky words.

In English, we began our new topic of a journey story called the Baby Mouse. On Monday the children had to take their own special journey around school. We came into class to find a note from Grumpus the Goblin. The note told us he had been up to mischief and had stolen our class teddy Jenie! We went around the school to find out what had happened and we realised that he had tied Miss Mulcahy to her chair, made the library a mess, turned our lunch menu into bugs and taped the playground door up.

The purpose of this activity is as a creative 'hook' to engage the children in their learning about journey stories. The children experienced a journey to find something but, on the way, had to overcome problems. We then wrote about what we had seen when back in class.



We have looked at 2D shapes in Maths this week. This has linked to our work on 3D shapes as the children have been spotting 2D shapes on 3D shapes, noticing which ones they are made up of. The children went on a shape hunt around the school. They were super excited to spot circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. We noticed that rectangles were very common and that it was quite hard to find triangles. All of the children enjoyed the hunt and were able to name some shapes.



They also played some games to embed their understanding of 2D shapes to help them name them.



At Forest School the children learnt how to use bill hooks to chop firewood. They carefully hit the hook with a big log while Miss Daisy held it firmly and we counted how many hits it took to chop it. Some children needed a few hits and some managed it in 3! What strong children we have.



The children were very respectful during Monday's Remembrance Day Service. They stood so proudly wearing their poppies and they were extremely well behaved during the Service.



They have enjoyed learning more about Remembrance and its importance. They made some beautiful poppy paintings and cut out poppies during their Play and Explore time this week.



We had cooking on Wednesday and the children made Queso Quesadilla. Here are some photos of them cooking, and you will find the recipe on the next page:



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.

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

- Please do sign up to the ClassDojo account if you haven't done so already, using the following the link:
<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CDBDKV8>
- **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs):** A final call for booking our first PTI for this year on Thursday 21st November. Please book your appointment if you haven't already on SchoolCloud via this link: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- **Trip letter:** Please do read the trip letter we sent out today regarding our trip to the theatre on Monday 9th December.
- **Parent Phonics Workshop:** You are invited to attend another Phonics Workshop on Thursday 28th November at 8.25-8.50am in the Reception classroom. It would be highly beneficial for you all to attend in order to help support your child with their reading and writing during their time in Reception.