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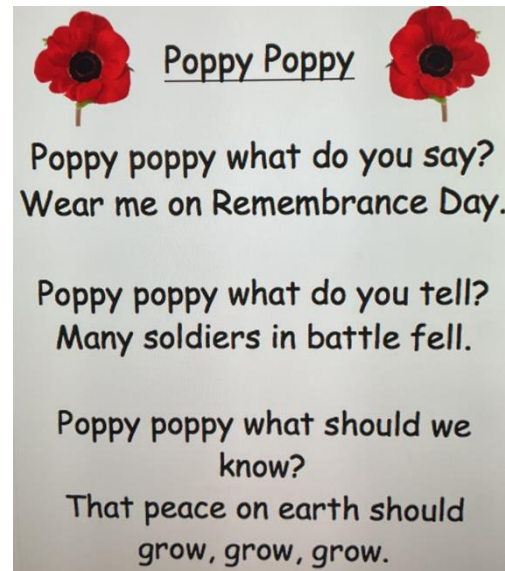
Preparatory School

Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn Term 1, Week 9

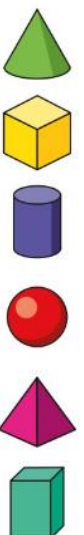
What have we explored this week?



On Monday we started the week with a two-minute silence to show our respect to all the members of the armed forces who have bravely served in wars and conflicts. All the children from the Prep School gathered with the senior girls to sing songs and listen to readings as the governors laid poppy wreaths.

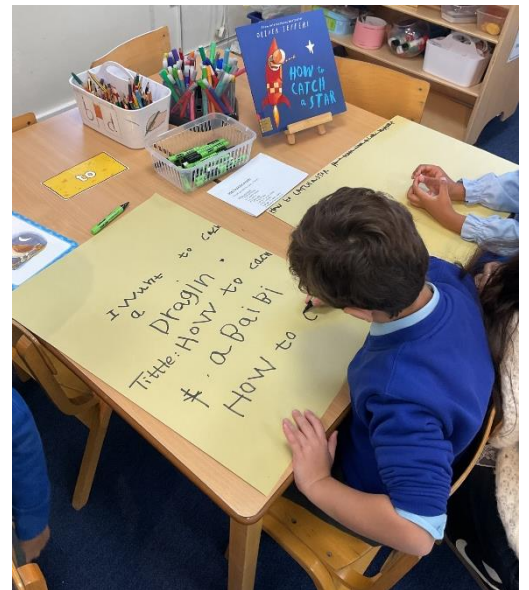


In Maths this week the children learnt about 2D and 3D shapes. They started by recalling the names of shapes and identifying their properties using words such as *edges*, *faces*, *vertices* and *curved*. The children sorted the shapes into two groups and explained their reasons for sorting. They learned about faces by stacking the shapes to make towers. We would like the children to continue spotting 3D shapes at home and identifying the vertices (corners), faces and edges of the 3D shapes they find. Try spotting a cube, cuboid, square-based pyramid, sphere, cylinder, cone and tetrahedron. Good luck shape hunters!





The children continued to learn about seasonal changes in Science. They moved on to look at how birds and wildlife 'adapt' to their environment. The children ordered pictures and wrote sentences to show changes to a robin red breast's life throughout the seasons. When does he puff out his feathers and eat lots of seeds? When does he have chicks and how many? Why does he like to sing a tuneful song? Talk to your adult about the pictures.



In English, the children have been learning the features of Instruction Writing. They have practised writing titles in capital letters, writing question sentences and using time openers: First, Then, Next, After that and Finally. They have been considering whether it matters in which order instructions are given.

In Art, the children started by drawing the outline of autumn leaves using soft chalk pastels. They then studied the detail within their leaf to find veins, lines, marks and patterns. They added specific water colour paints and watched the effect as the colours merged into each other.

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:









1C: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CTUXPCA>

1L: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=C6GGP76>

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!

- **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs):** You have the opportunity to book a 20-minute meeting with your Class Teacher to discuss your child's progress so far this term. Year 1's meetings are being held on **Friday 22nd November**. Please book your appointment if you haven't already on SchoolCloud via this link: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Please bring your smock on Monday. Some children are forgetting!
- A warm hat/ear muffs and scarf are essential for after swimming

**Timetable for 1L
2024-2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:55 – 08:15	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:15 – 08:30	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 
08:30 – 09:00	Philosophy 	Whole School Assembly 	Story Assembly 	Singing Assembly 	Commendations Assembly 
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>				
10:20 – 11:00 Lesson 3	Maths 	English 	Maths 	Drama 	English 
11:00 – 11:30 Lesson 4				English 	
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Lunch</i>				
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Break</i>				
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 
15:05 – 15:15	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

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