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Preparatory School

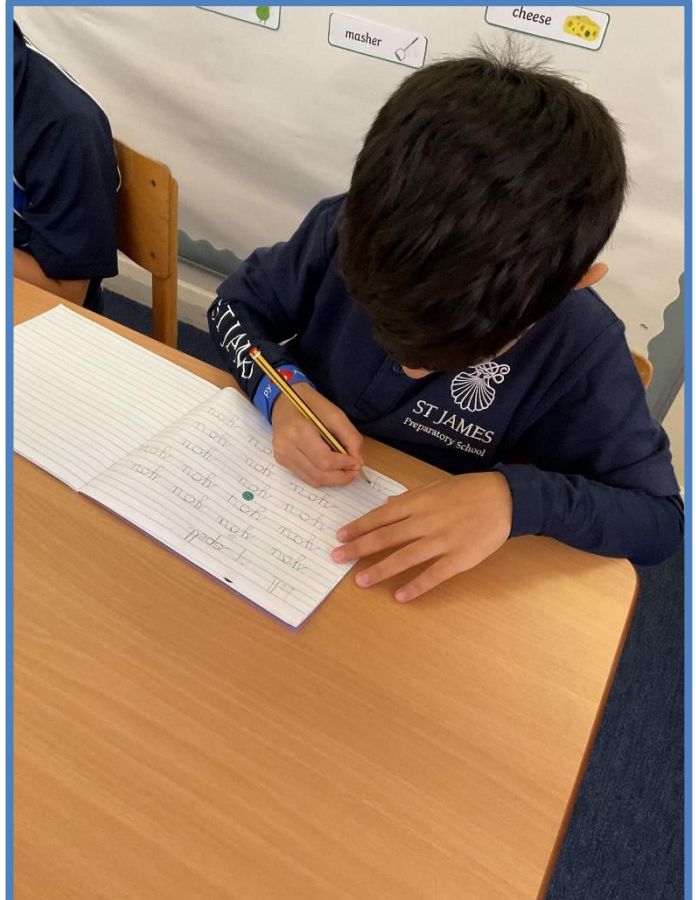
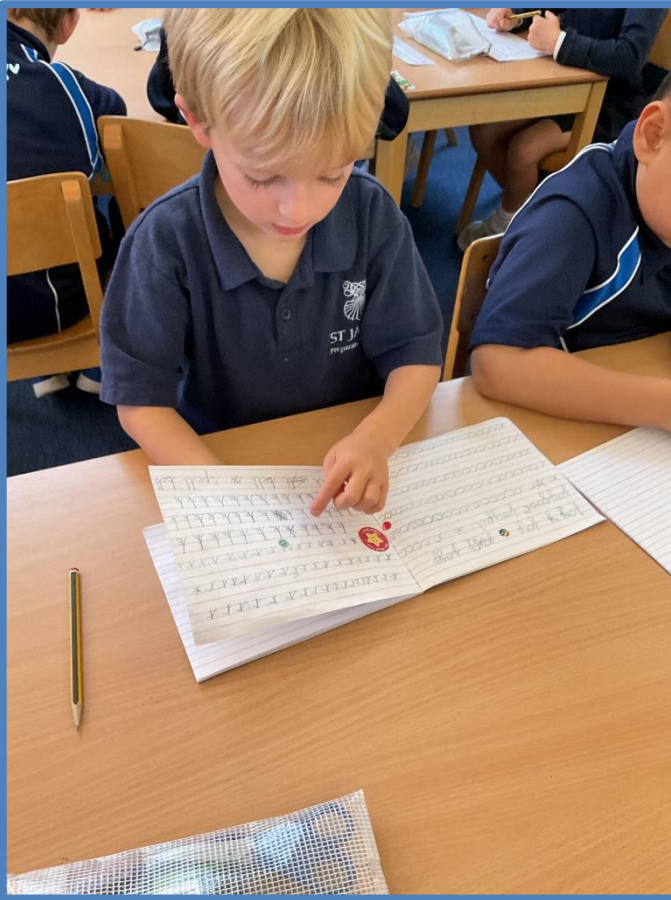
Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn Term 2, Week 2

What have we explored this week?

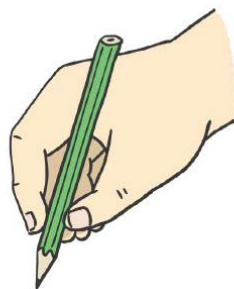
I hope you have all had a good week! We certainly enjoyed some of the sunshine after some very grey days last week. We wrapped up last Friday with some buddy time with Year 6. It was a lovely relaxing session where the Year 2s read some book corner favourites with a little help from their buddies. There was a lot of excitement as we spoke about Feel Good Friday and how we get to have lunch together!



We continue to work on our handwriting and letter formations. It is tricky forming our letters neatly between lines while focusing on pencil grip and posture! Our diligent writers work carefully and quietly, showing ultimate focus. When assisting with homework, please keep an eye on correct pencil grip, we like snappy fingers in a tripod grip. Here is a little reminder of a good pencil grip!



Good Pencil Grip



Dynamic Tripod Grasp

- Pencil is held in stable position between the thumb, index and middle finger.
- The ring and little fingers are bent and rest comfortably on the table.
- The index finger and thumb form an open space.
- The wrist is bent back slightly, and the forearm is resting on the table.
- The pencil is held about 1-2cm from the tip.

In Religious Studies this half term we are looking at saints, who and what they are. We then learned about the story of our school saint, Saint James, and how Jesus invited James to become one of the 12 disciples. While the story was read, the children acted it out, miming being fishermen, just like James. We discussed the links to the symbol of a shell, a shell that may have been present on the Galilean beach when James decided to join Jesus. We made note of how, just like James made a big decision to follow Jesus, we make decisions every day that have consequences, some big and some small.



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 last week'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=CWNXFBB>

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 Miss Chetwin to discuss your child's progress so far this term. Year 2C'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/>
- The immunisation team will be here on **Friday 22 November** 9-10am to carry out flu immunisations.
- Children will need to play 2 x 5 minute sessions per week on Times Tables Rock Stars on "garage mode". Children are also free to play on the other game modes but 2 x 5 minute sessions must be completed on "garage mode" per week to ensure all times tables are being learnt.
- Please ensure your child has a smock at school every day, named and with a loop for it to be hung up.
- As we move into colder and wetter weather, please ensure your child has a raincoat at school every day.
- If you have any questions or would like to inform me of anything, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office (office@stjamesprep.co.uk) or at the end of the day.
- We've been loving seeing pictures of your bingo activities! If you would like to share photos, please send them via the office and I will show them in class.