



# ST JAMES

Preparatory School

## Nursery Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 2

### What have we explored this week?

Happy New Year and a warm 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 Nursery children have been absolutely delighted to reunite after the holiday, eagerly catching up with one another. Their conversations have been filled with joy and excitement, and it's heartwarming to see how wonderfully they are playing together, sharing laughter and friendship.

A fantastic surprise awaited us on Friday when the children were lucky enough to have a hands-on cooking session during their first week back. They demonstrated concentration when chopping, rolling and mixing as they created vegetarian sausage rolls, which we are certain turned out to be absolutely delicious.

This half term we have a new exciting topic of Habitats. We spent the first week looking at the icy world of the Arctic, which happily matched very well with the weather! The week we have explored the Oceans. In our story of the week, The Undersea Cleaning Spree, the seas creatures clear out all the rubbish thrown into their home. Following the lead of the sealife, the children did their own environmental clean up as they hunted for and removed rubbish from the Forest School site.



## What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is having a party

Miss Fortune is going to the cinema

Miss Robertson is going to a concert

Miss Tsurkan is going to Westfields

## For anyone who enjoyed the delicious vegetarian sausage rolls here is the recipe



### Starry Not-so-Sausage Rolls

Makes 6 cute little rolls

These little bites are the perfect accompaniment to stocking opening on Christmas morning, and make great presents for your friends and family too!



#### Ingredients:

60g soya mince	1 tsp soya Sause
¼ Bramley apple (20g), cored and grated	1 tsp tomato ketchup
30g grated carrot	2 dried apricots, roughly chopped
Good pinch nutmeg	2 springs of fresh thyme
Few chilli flakes, if you fancy	3 pieces puff pastry, 12cm x 15cm each
½ tsp miso paste	Vegan eggwash: ½ tbsp maple syrup
½ a spring onion roughly chopped	+ 2 tbsp non-dairy milk

#### Method:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 200C.
2. Spread the soya mince on the lined tray, and pop it in the oven for 10 mins. Leave aside to cool.
3. Mix the grated apple, grated carrot and soya mince together in a bowl.
4. Add the soya sause, miso, tomato ketchup, thyme, and nutmeg and give it another good mix.
5. Season with salt and pepper, plus a few chilli flakes if you fancy.
6. Scatter a little flour on the worksurface and lay down your puff pastry.

#### Method:

7. Share the mixture between two of your pieces of puff pastry, in a line down the middle.
8. Dampen all around the filling by dipping your finger in a little water.
9. Roll the pastry around the filling to make two long sausage rolls.
10. VERY gently slice each piece into 3, so you have 6 little sausage rolls.
11. Pop them on a lined tray, (seam side down) and use the last piece of pastry to cut out 6 stars.
12. Eggwash the rolls, lay the stars on top and eggwash again.
13. Bake in the oven for 25-30 mins until puffed and golden on the bottom.

## Song of the week:

### A Sailor Went to Sea

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A sailor went to sea, sea, sea  
To see what he could see,  
see, see  
But all that he could see,  
see, see  
Was the bottom of the deep  
blue sea, sea, sea!



A fun version of the song can be found on the BBC Teach website. Simply use the link below.

[A sailor went to sea, sea, sea - BBC Teach](#)

## Book of the week:

### The Undersea Cleaning Spree



## Things to remember

- Houses Feel Good Friday - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, we will be having our first Feel Good Friday of 2025 with a colourful houses theme!

All children in the Prep School are invited to come to school in their house colour - no uniform! They should bring a donation of £1 or more to our school charity for the year - Under One Sky - if they would like to come in non uniform. Donations of hats, scarves, coats and gloves are also warmly welcomed for Under One Sky.

Reminder - Canterbury is green, Salisbury blue and Winchester red.

We will also be having the first 'Great Houses Bake Off' and all children are invited to bake something in their house colour. If they want to take part, children should bake 3 small cupcakes/cookies/biscuits in their house colour. These should have no nuts and a clearly labelled list of allergens, along with their name and class on a label.

All entries will get 10 house points and the winners for each house and overall will get lots more!

On the day, the children will also be having a playtime with their house and having a house meeting.

We are looking forward to celebrating together!

- **A Reminder that water bottles are not supplied by the Nursery. Please bring a NAMED water bottle every day.**
- 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.
- Please continue to remember your library books every Friday. 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.
- 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!

