



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Nursery Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 4

What have we explored this week?

What a wonderful day we all had on Feel Good Friday. All the children looked splendid dressed in their house colours. To add to the fun, the children were able to spend time with Miss Robertson in the Gym. What a marked difference from the first time we used the Gym; the children were so much more confident, many of them jumping from the horse unaided and climbing to the top of the climbing frame. It really was a day full of joy and good cheer.

This week, the Nursery children have continued to explore habitats, with a particular focus on the jungle. They applied their growing knowledge and considered the animals that inhabit our local area. During Forest School, the children worked together to build a 'nest,' hoping it will offer a cozy home to squirrels and pigeons. We're excited to monitor the nest next week to see if we have any new residents—stay tuned!

What a wonderful time the Nursery children had in Music this week as they embraced the opportunity to explore a variety of musical instruments. They were fully engaged as they discovered the unique sounds of each instrument, while also experimenting with tempo and rhythm. Their excitement and enjoyment were evident as they eagerly played and interacted with the instruments, creating a fun and dynamic musical experience.

Our story this week, Doris the Loris focused on a jungle storyteller who began to write down her stories and created a jungle library. This has sparked lots of chatter about our own library and enthusiasm for stories. Please remember to send your child's library book in with them every Friday so they can pick a new book. Early interest in books can spark a lifelong love of reading.



What are the teachers doing this weekend?

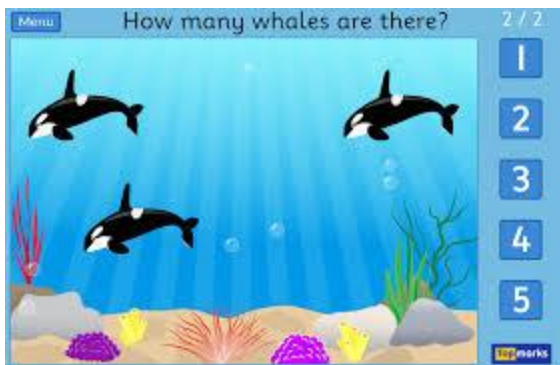
Miss Tajeddin is going shopping with a friend

Miss Fortune is going to the cinema

Miss Robertson is going for a walk on Hampstead Heath

Miss Tsurkan is going to a Christening

Dolphin Learning



This week the Dolphins have been counting sea creatures using the Underwater Counting game on the Topmarks site. Each screen presents a series of sea creatures that the children need to count carefully and then find the corresponding numeral. If you would like to spend some time playing the game together at home the link is below.

[Learn to Count up to 10 with Underwater Counting Maths Game](#)

Song of the week:

Down in the Jungle



Down in the jungle where nobody goes
There's a great grey elephant washing his clothes
With a rub a dub here and a rub a dub there
That's how an elephant washes his clothes

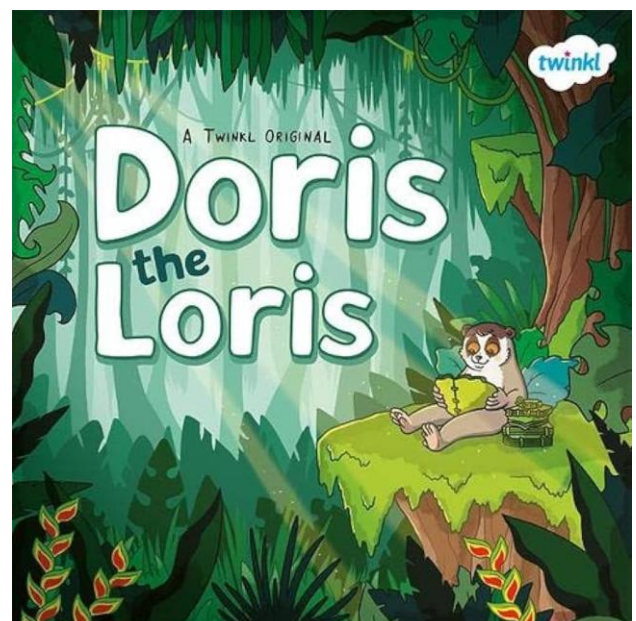


A fun version of the song can be found by using link below.

[Down in the Jungle! Nursery Rhyme for babies and toddlers from Sing and Learn!](#)

Book of the week:

Doris the Loris



Things to remember

- **A plea:** We began this term with lots of spare pairs of joggers ready for when children have accidents and have no spare clothes of their own. Over the last month our supply has dwindled and we are down to one pair of joggers. We would be very grateful if you would have a search around your home to see if you have any of the missing joggers please.
- **Save the Date:** On the afternoon of Friday 14th of February the school will be holding Grandparents Afternoon. Details will follow soon but, in the meantime, please save the date!
- Thank you to everyone for bearing with us as we get used to Class Dojo as a form of communication. We hope you agree it has proved really useful so far as a means of communicating day to day information about Nursery life. Please be reminded that any other matters, such as school absence, must continue to be communicated via the school office. The email address for the school office is:

office@stjamesprep.co.uk

- 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.
- We kindly remind you to please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 3:00pm. Timely pick-up helps us maintain a smooth routine for all children and prevents children from becoming distressed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- If your child stays for after school care, please remember the latest time for pick up is **6pm**. Whilst we appreciate there are the occasional hiccups, if you think you are unable to collect by 6pm please make an alternative arrangement for someone else to pick up your child.
- **Friday is Library day. Your child will bring home a library book. Please return the book each Friday so your child can choose a new book.**
- 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.
- Unfortunately, with the time of year comes the inevitable winter 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!

