



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 2

What have we explored this week?

It was lovely to welcome back the children. We loved hearing about their festive holidays and seeing how much they seem to grow in just three short weeks!

I had a very sweet request from some Year 6 girls who asked if they could plan and teach a Maths lesson for Year 2. It was such a fun way to brush off the holiday cobwebs and practise our addition skills we learnt last term. The Year 6s started with an interactive revision demonstration, sourced and printed worksheets (marking as we went along!) and led a quick addition game. We hope to see these budding teachers back soon!



After our revision lesson with Year 6 we started our new unit of Maths, money. Of course, this lent itself to opening up a bespoke pop up shop, Chetwin and Toole's! Funnily enough, their stock appears to be very similar to what might be found in the Reception class playroom...

Nevertheless, we had a queue of customers, ready and waiting to spend their hard-earned money. The customers had to first count their coins and see which items they could afford as well as thinking of all the ways they could pay using different combinations of coins.



Things to remember

- Children need to play 2 x 5 minute sessions per week on Times Tables Rock Stars on "garage mode".
- We have set the children up with **Spelling Shed** log ins for them to practise their spelling using the spelling games. The log ins are in the back of their yellow book. Once logged in, go to assignments. There is one assignment for the week's spelling words and the other two assignments will be active throughout the year for the children to practise exception and common word spellings. Please reach out if you have any questions. The use of Spelling Shed is optional.
- We will be going swimming this half term. Please pack swimming kit in a St James string bag.
- Houses Feel Good Friday - Friday 24th January
On Friday 24th 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!

- 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), via Class Dojo or at the end of the day.