



# ST JAMES

Preparatory School

## Year 1 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 9

### What have we explored this week?

Congratulations to all children in Year 1 for their brave and confident performance on stage during the Shakespeare Festival. We are so proud of their ability to speak the beautiful language of Shakespeare, their intelligent delivery of the lines and their superb acting skills. Thank you for supporting your child to learn their lines at home.

In Maths, the children are reminded to read word problems very carefully and not assume the question. They are learning to read, understand the questions and think of their strategy for finding the answer. Once the work is complete the children are always incredibly excited to move onto their challenge sheet for extension work.

In English we have been looking at the layout of information texts, in particular, subheadings. Once we have read a fact, we decide what information it is giving us and then we put it under the correct subheading. We are getting good at reading the challenging texts and putting our phonics into practice.



Although we can't share pictures of the children swimming, we are thrilled that they are all so confident in the water and are making excellent progress in differentiated groups. A little reminder that a hat and goggles are required for lessons. This also keeps their hair dry for the walk back to school during the continued cold weather.

In Art, the children have been drawing animals using pen. Mrs Fischel has taught the children to use shapes and patterns in their work. The skill of simply looking at the subject is fundamental as an artist.



In Science, we are identifying animals. This week we looked at the similarities and differences between reptiles and birds and put the information onto a Venn diagram.

In Geography, the children continued to explore the physical and human features of a city. They made comparisons between Cape Town and Edinburgh. They are building their vocabulary and understanding of what can be found in a city.

## Things to remember



- Parent Meetings for 1L on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and for 1C Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Class assembly 1L on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Swimming- plastic bag, goggles and swim hat
- Our *Spring Bulb Competition* is nearing its end. Please may all entries be brought into school by next week Wednesday, 19 March. Many thanks for encouraging the next generation of green-thumbs!
- If you have not yet connected to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:  
1C: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=undefined>  
1L: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=undefined>

As well as being a way of enabling quick communication between home and school, ClassDojo is used to award and tally house points, so you will be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

**You do not need to sign up for the paid 'Plus' version of Class Dojo.**

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, from  
Miss Laird and Mrs Cselko.

**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

**Timetable for 1C  
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 	Gym 	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	ICT 	RS 	Art and Design 	Drama 	Gym 
13:00 – 13:30 Lesson 6	Library 	Science/FS 	Swimming/ Enrichment 	Sanskrit 	Music 
13:30 – 14:00 Lesson 7	PSHEE 			Geography/ History 	Sanskrit 
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