



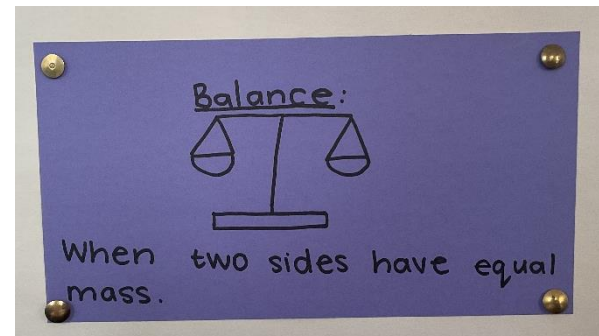
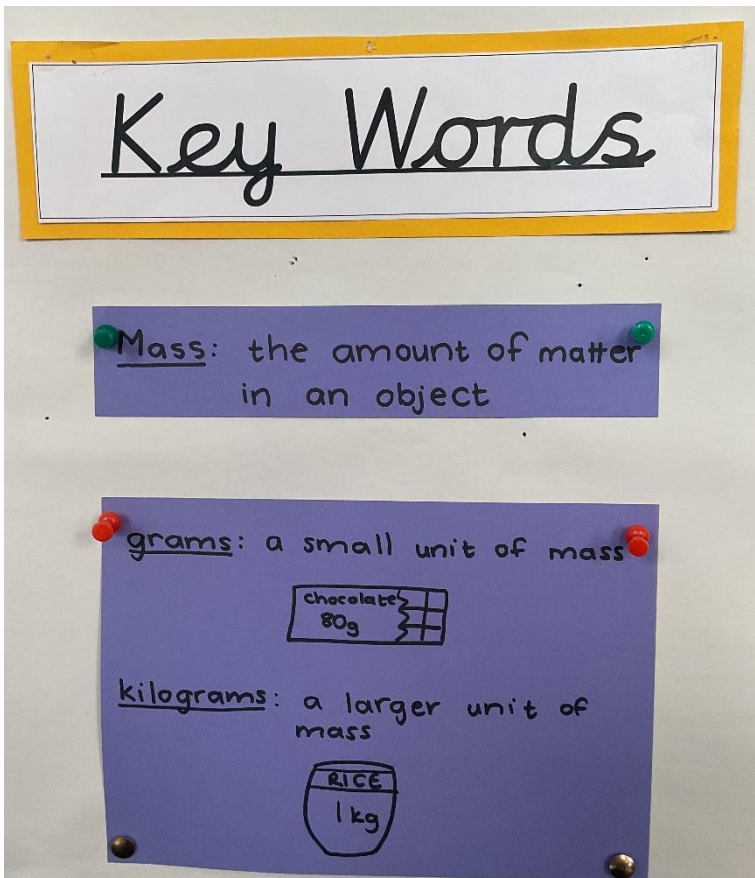
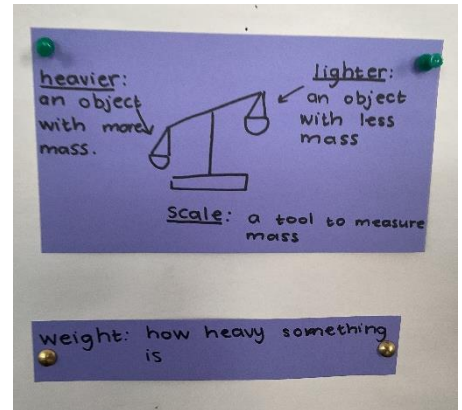
ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 11

What have we explored this week?

In Year 2, we are learning about *mass*! Have a look at some of the key words we decided were important for this new concept. We use key words to help children develop a clear understanding of mathematical concepts. Using key vocabulary supports their learning by giving them the language to describe, compare, and measure mass confidently. If you have scales at home, play an estimating game of the mass of different household objects and the winner is the closest to the actual mass in grams or kilograms!



Last week, we were visited by the Fire Department Education Team, who taught us important lessons about fire safety in the home. The children learned about: The importance of smoke alarms, what to do in an emergency and how to check for fire hazards at home.

The London Fire Brigade offers free fire safety advice and will even fit free smoke alarms in homes across London. If you would like more information or to book a visit, please see the details below.

Fire plan KS1

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LONDON FIRE BRIGADE



1 Practise your fire plan whenever you can.



2 When you hear the alarm, get out quick, safe from harm.



3 Touch the door, so you're sure.
(If the door is hot, it is not safe to open.)



4 On the way out, give everyone a shout.



5 Close the door for 20 minutes more.
(A closed door will hold fire back for 20 minutes.)



6 Crawl under the smoke, so you don't choke.



7 Don't hide, go outside!



8 Call 999 – you will be fine.

Home fire safety checklist

Homework for the grown-ups!

At school today, a child in your care learnt about home fire safety. Please use the checklist below to ensure you and your family stay safe.

You should aim to have every 'Yes' box ticked.



Yes No

Prevention

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1 We know we should keep matches and lighters securely away from children. | | |
| 2 We never leave cooking unattended and always turn off the oven, grill or hob when we have finished. | | |
| 3 It is better for adults not to smoke, but if they do, it is safer to smoke outside and make sure cigarettes are put out properly. | | |
| 4 We know we must not overload electrical sockets. | | |
| 5 We switch off and unplug all electrical appliances at night, except for those that are meant to be left on like the fridge or freezer. | | |
| 6 We should not charge electrical devices including mobiles and computers overnight. | | |
| 7 We only use the charger that came with our device or a genuine replacement. | | |
| 8 We know not to leave lit candles or tea lights unattended, to put them in heat resistant holders and never place them near anything that could catch fire such as curtains or furniture. | | |
| 9 We close all doors at night to prevent fire and smoke spreading. | | |

Detection (alarms)

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1 We have at least one smoke alarm fitted on every level of our home and in any room where a fire could start (except for the bathroom). | | |
| 2 We know that fitting multiple linked smoke alarms, that all activate together, is the best way to be alerted in the event of a fire. | | |
| 3 We should never remove batteries from the smoke alarms. | | |
| 4 We know to fit a heat alarm in the kitchen. | | |
| 5 We should test all our alarms once a month by pressing the button. | | |

Escape

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1 We know and have practised our 'fire escape plan' (see overleaf). | | |
| 2 If our alarms go off, we shout 'FIRE' to alert others in the home. | | |
| 3 We know not to try and tackle the fire ourselves as many people are injured this way. | | |
| 4 We know where the keys for windows and doors are kept. | | |
| 5 We never go back into the building once we are safely outside. | | |
| 6 We call 999 and ask for the fire brigade, as soon as it is safe to do so – remember 999 calls are FREE. | | |

If our escape route is blocked

- | | Yes | No |
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| 1 We know to find a safe room with a window and phone if possible. | | |
| 2 We close the door and put bedding or any soft materials around the bottom of the door to block the smoke, then open the window and shout "HELP, FIRE". | | |
| 3 We are ready to give our address; including our postcode, describe where we are and the quickest way for the firefighters to reach us. | | |

Things to remember

- We are looking forward to our **Easter Service** on **Tuesday 1st April**. Parents can reserve a space here: <https://forms.office.com/e/e6RMkx32mu>. There will be light Easter refreshments available from 8.15am in the Courtyard ahead of the main event at St Mary's West Kensington, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 0QL, starting at 9.15am. This will conclude by 10.15am.
- The Spring Term ends on Wednesday 2nd April at 11:30am.
- The Senior Girls' School has asked the Nursery and Prep children to join forces in donating soup for our local charity, *Under One Sky* (UOS). Boxes of 'Cup a Soup' or similar (but not fresh, already-made soup) are being collected from now until the start of the Easter holiday. The seniors have a plan to use the boxes in the lead up to the school's 50th anniversary - and then they will make their way to those less fortunate than us - those living on the streets of the city we all call home. Thank you for your kind and generous support.
- 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.
- Please note that on the 31st of March we will be going to Holland Park for a class trip to explore all things spring! The school kitchen will provide packed lunches but please send your child with their swimming kit bag to carry it in. If it is a sunny day, please pack suncream and a hat and if it is looking a bit grey, please pack a raincoat! If you have a picnic blanket, please bring it to school so we can enjoy our lunch on the grass. Thank you!
- 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.