



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Nursery Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 3

What have we explored this week?



The Nursery children have been making the most of the beautiful weather this week, spending lots of time outside. They've been busy exploring, playing games, and engaging in fun learning activities in the fresh air. It's been a joyful and active week full of sunshine, laughter and discovery.



At Forest School, the Nursery children became enthusiastic entomologists, eagerly searching for mini beasts in their natural habitats. Equipped with magnifying glasses and buckets, they carefully explored under logs, leaves and stones. Their curiosity and excitement were contagious as they discovered wiggly worms, tickly woodlice and even a bush full of caterpillars!



The caterpillar theme continued as we had our own batch of caterpillars join us in the Nursery. The children have been fascinated to see how much the caterpillars have grown each morning and are eagerly awaiting their transformation into butterflies.



This week, the children were introduced to Motor Movers, a fun movement-based program that uses nursery rhymes to support physical development. The children have been full of enthusiasm taking part in our song of the week, *Rock A Bye Baby*, joining in with the actions and rhythms.

What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is going to a garden centre

Miss Fortune is going to do some sunbathing

Miss Robertson is doing a watercolour workshop

Miss Tsurkan is going for a walk in Regents Park

Song of the week:

There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf



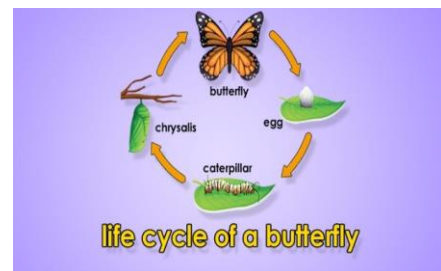
[The Tiny Caterpillar Song, Songs for Early Years, Foundation Stage, Spring/Summer,](#)

Book of the week: The Very Hungry Caterpillar



Theme for the half term

Growth



Motor Movers

We are delighted to have introduced the [Motor Movers](#) programme into our school. It is a range of specific exercises designed to further assist children develop the balance, fine and gross motor movements they need for successful learning.

The movements are based on the stages of child development and all our pupils in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 now do the 10 minute daily sessions with their class teachers who have been recently inducted. This week's sessions have gone really well.

Parents have an important job in supporting the physical development of their children - here are some starter ideas:

- Increase play and physical activity, and reduce screen time.
- Ask your child about his or her Motor Movers exercises - try them out as a family.
- Look for opportunities to develop gross and fine motor skills and independence.
- Provide opportunities to play outside whatever the weather. Think about shade when it is sunny and wellingtons if it is wet!

Please ask your child's class teacher if you wish to know more. You can find more detailed information for parents on class dojo and the parent portal on the website.

Things to remember

- Now the summer term is here the children all need to be wearing the St James **Summer Uniform**. For the Nursery children this consists of:
 - a school polo shirt
 - navy blue shorts or school skirt
 - the school sweatshirt if it is a cold day
 - a white school summer cap
 - white socks for girls and navy blue for boys
 - trainers

The children should not come in sandals. The children are very active at Nursery and sandals represent a trip hazard and provide no protection for the children's toes.

- With the warm weather we are getting outside as much as possible. It is very important all families please apply sunscreen to their child before coming to school. Due to possible allergies the school is not able to provide a generic sunscreen for everyone. However, if your child is staying all day, and you would like sunscreen reapplied in the afternoon, please put a named bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag and make a member of the Nursery team aware when you drop off.
- Now we are blessed with this wonderful warm weather it is more important than ever that the children drink plenty of water. Please make sure you send your child in with a *named* water bottle every day.
- Despite the warm weather, when we attend Forest School, the children will continue to wear their wellies as they offer more foot protection in this natural environment. If you have not brought in a pair of wellies for your child, please source a pair and bring them in. These wellies will remain at school until the summer break.
- As the children are now taking part in Motor Movers first thing in the mornings Monday to Wednesday, we ask that all the children are dropped off at the Nursery by 8.45am please. We do not want anyone to miss out on the fun!
- Please remember drop off on Thursday and Friday morning continues to be at the main school between 8am and 8.20am.
- We kindly remind you to please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 3:00 pm. Whilst we understand sometimes a delay is occasionally unavoidable, timely pick-ups help us maintain a smooth routine for all children and prevent children from becoming distressed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- If your child is still in nappies, please remember to bring in 'tabbed' nappies (as opposed to pull ups) as well as baby wipes.
- 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!

