



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 3

What have we explored this week?

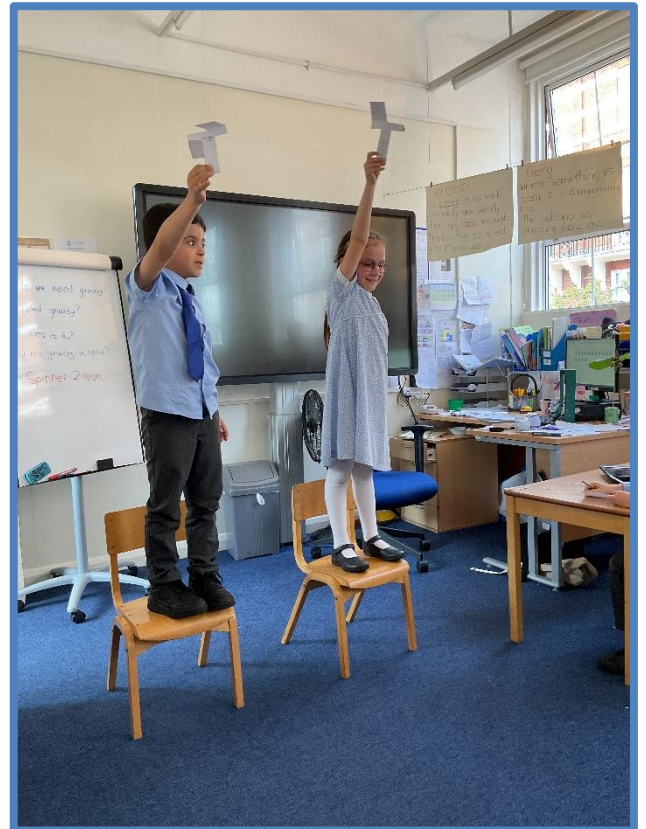
Summer Term! Goodness, this year is whizzing by! I have loved hearing all about your Easter holidays. We have settled back into the flow of school life and are looking forward to making the most of our last term in Year 2.

First, we need to look back at our last week of Spring term. We had a fabulous trip to Holland Park where we searched for signs of spring. It was the perfect day and we had so much fun looking for bulbs, new leaves, blossoms and birds tweeting! The children completed a work pack that included activities such as a spring scavenger hunt, observational drawings of leaves and flowers, sharing what they know about the importance of seeds, the difference between seeds and bulbs, seed dispersal and conditions for germination. Of course, no trip to the park is complete without a picnic! We loved sitting eating our lunch, spending time together and being in nature.





We are super scientists, exploring the effects of gravity! The children made their own spinners, adding paper clips to the ends to see what happens to the gravitational pull as you add weight. We made predictions and then carried out our experiment and recorded the results.



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.
- As the days start to warm up, please send a hat for your child to wear at breaktime. This can be the St James peak cap or the straw hat.
- We will be swimming every Wednesday this half term. If you would like to collect your child from Fulham Pools, please contact the office. Children need to please bring their swimming kit in a blue St James string bag.
- 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.

- 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.