



Year 1 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 7

What have we explored this week?

In Maths we explored positional language. We learned about turns using the words quarter and half. We described the position of an object using the words left, right, forwards, backwards, above and below. We then moved onto positional language to name the position of objects in a line.

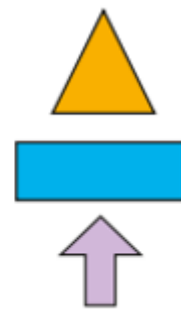
Draw the shapes in order.

- The last shape is a square.
- The 1st shape is a triangle.
- The 3rd shape is a circle.
- The 2nd shape is a rectangle.

a half turn

a quarter turn

a three-quarter turn



In English we have been innovating. We are changing three things about The Storm Whale story and by doing this, we are making it our own. First, we collected our ideas (convergent thinking) and then we made individual choices and expanded them (divergent thinking).

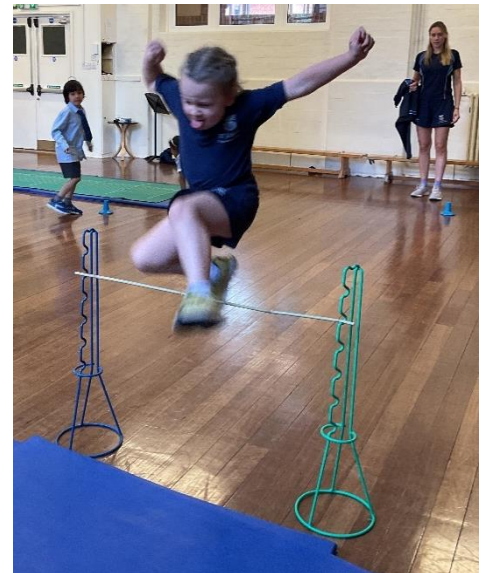
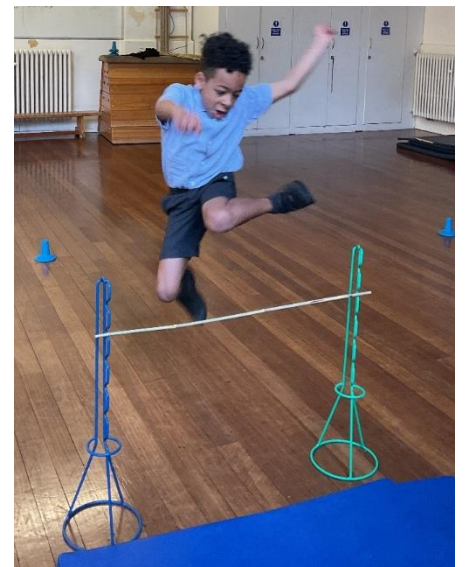
Our continuous cursive handwriting is really taking off. We are good at remembering to use snappy fingers (thumb should not be dominant).



For letters to be joined together, we must think about where a letter starts and finishes. This helps us to use either a diagonal join or a horizontal join. In our spellings this week we are joining 'ow'. Use a horizontal join to join 'o' and 'w'.

In science we are learning about the five senses. This week we are focusing on Touch.

We have been getting ready for Sports Day. Look at our high jump!



It was lovely to be back swimming again. The children have made remarkable progress and they are also much quicker at changing!

In PSHE we started learning life cycles; about our bodies and changes. We started learning about features of a baby and the changes we have made in year one. For example, our teeth, our hair, our height and even our personalities. We sang a song, played a game and created a drawing.



Thank you for taking the time to come in to school to see your child's work. It was lovely to see the children sharing what they have been doing at school.



Eco committee have provided a Summer Sunflower Challenge!

Your little gardener has received their special sunflower seeds - tucked safely in a brown envelope inside their reading folder!

Ready to grow the tallest sunflower in town? With some soil, sunshine, and lots of love, we'll see who can nurture their flower to reach new heights! Our Eco Club can't wait to measure these gentle giants when school returns in September. We wish to include everyone in the competition so we ask that you post photos on ClassDojo of your seed as it grows. Everyone who has been given a seed has a chance of winning.

Will your sunflower be the champion? There are exciting prizes waiting for our top growers! Remember: the best flowers grow with daily doses of care and giggles!

Happy growing, green thumbs!

Things to remember

Parent Teacher Interviews for 1L will take place on **Monday 9th June** and for 1C on **Tuesday 10th June**. Please book your appointment on [SchoolCloud](#).

International Week - 9th - 13th June with dress up day on Friday 13th June

St James will be celebrating our diverse community next week as each class learns about a country during International Week. Our school has children, parents and staff from all over the world and we want to share our cultures, languages, history and stories with each other!

Each class has chosen a country to learn about and will be completing activities connected to that country in their History and Geography time. They are also challenged to decorate their reading corners in a way linked to their chosen country.

On Friday 13th June, the school are invited to dress in non-uniform in a way connected to a country of their choice - it could be national dress, a sports kit or the colours of a flag - they can decide!

We hope it is a wonderful international celebration!

1C is learning about Switzerland and 1L is learning about France.

Charity event Friday 20th June

1L have chosen to do a sponsored scooter/bike wash to raise funds for Masibambane College. If you wish to participate, please park it outside Miss Laird's classroom in the morning. The children will sponge and scrub with soapy water to make them gleam! Charge will be a minimum donation of £2!

1C have chosen to do an obstacle course. Everyone will participate in a fun obstacle course, and we hope that each family will make a donation to the charity (details of how to donate to raise funds for Masibambane College will be given nearer the time).

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, from

Miss Laird and Mrs Cselko.

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2024-2025**

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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 
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