ST JAMES
Preparatory School

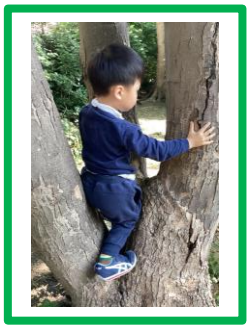
Nursery Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 5

What have we explored this week?

It seems spring is finally here, and maybe even summer with the amazing weather we have been enjoying this week. The children have been absolutely loving the opportunity to spend lots of time outside. We've made the most of the sunshine with plenty of outdoor play, exploring nature, and enjoying games in the fresh air. It's been wonderful to see so many happy, active little faces soaking up the season!

At Forest School this week, the children were proper little athletes as they tackled a woodland obstacle course with great enthusiasm! They showed off their amazing skills in balancing, jumping, and even a bit of climbing – all with big smiles and plenty of determination. If this is anything to go by, we're in for a very exciting Sports Day next half term!

Our topic of Growing has been perfectly timed with this lovely weather. After enjoying the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, the children were inspired to plant their very own beans. Each day, they carefully water them and make sure they're placed outside to soak up the sunshine. Sadly, we haven't spotted any roots just yet – and no stalks reaching the sky! – but we're keeping a close eye and staying hopeful for some magical growth soon.



We also have some really happy news to share—this week, some of our caterpillars completed their transformation and emerged from their cocoons as beautiful butterflies! The children were absolutely fascinated, and we all took a moment to marvel at their delicate wings and gentle movements. After a couple of days in our care, we released them into the wild. So next time you're out and about, encourage your child to keep an eye out—you never know, you might just spot one of our fluttery friends!

What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is having a Eurovision party

Miss Fortune is going to a birthday party

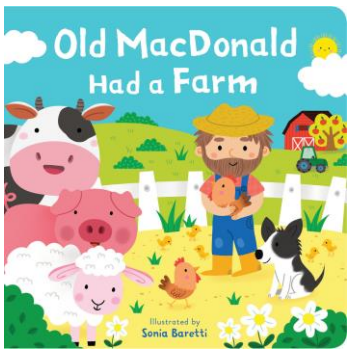
Miss Robertson is having a picnic in the Rose Garden in Regents Park

Miss Tsurkan is going to the Tate Gallery

Miss Mahfouz is planning a walk in the park

Song of the week:

Old McDonald Had a Farm



Old MacDonald had a farm - BBC Bitesize

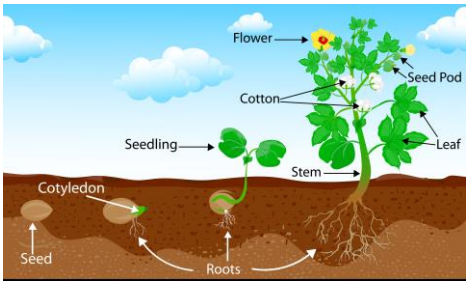
Dolphin Learning

The Dolphins have been practising their number recognition using the Helicopter Rescue game on the Topmarks site. Each screen asks the child to find a number and if the child selects the correct number, they helicopter will rescue someone from that number. If you would like to spend some time playing the game together at home the link is below.

Helicopter Rescue - Mental Maths for 4 to 8 Year Olds

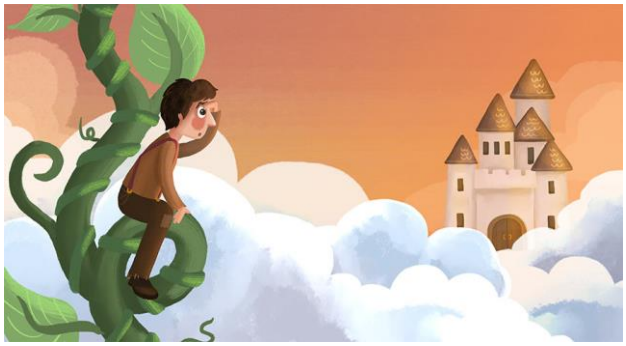
Theme for the half term

Growth



Book of the week:

Jack and the Beanstalk



Things to remember

- The Nursery children will have the opportunity to cook again with Chef Suzie on Friday 23rd May. Please bring in a named tupperware on Friday May 23rd for your child to bring their tasty wares home in!

- As we approach Half Term we are preparing to send home the next set of home learning for the children. Please remember to return your child's homework folder so we can refill them.

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Nursery are on Thursday 12th June and will take place in the main school building. Please book your appointment via SchoolCloud.

- 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 skort
    - 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.

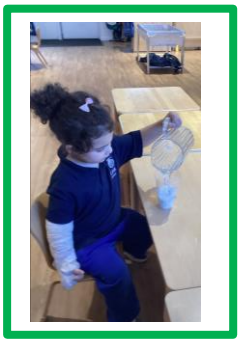
- With the warm weather we are getting outside as much as possible. It is very important all families please apply sunscreen to their child before coming to school. Due to possible allergies the school is not able to provide a generic sunscreen for everyone. However, if your child is staying all day, 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.

- **A Reminder that water bottles are not supplied by the Nursery. Please bring a NAMED water bottle every day.**

- At St James Prep School we love to get our families involved with school life. The school runs several clubs for parents which everyone is invited to. With Choir, Sanskrit and Art club all on offer every week, there is something for everyone. Please ask a member of staff for more details.

- 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. Timely pick-up helps us maintain a smooth routine for all children and prevents children from becoming distressed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Pictures from the Week!