ST JAMES
Preparatory School

# Nursery Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 6

## What have we explored this week?

Exciting news from our Forest School – fairies have moved in! The children had a magical time searching for their tiny woodland homes, peeking behind tree trunks and under leaves. We left them berries to eat, twigs for their fires, logs to sit on, and all manner of thoughtful gifts to help them settle in. It's been a truly enchanting adventure sparking wonder, imagination, and plenty of fairy magic!

We have even more wonderful news to share – Miss Tsurkan is getting married this week! The children were given a top-secret mission to create a special wedding cake just for her, and how brilliantly they kept the surprise! We held a lovely celebration in her honour, where everyone had a chance to taste the delicious cake and share in the joy. We're sure all our families will join us in sending Miss Tsurkan our warmest wishes for a magical wedding day and a joyful life ahead with her new husband.

The children have been busy taking care of their bean plants, with some very enthusiastic watering leading to mixed results! Despite this, all the beans have sprouted and are growing well. The children will be bringing them home this week — pop them in some soil, and you might just be seeing beanstalks shooting up before long!

It's been a truly lovely half term, full of fun, learning, and laughter. We hope you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for more adventures after the holidays!

## What are the teachers doing this half term?

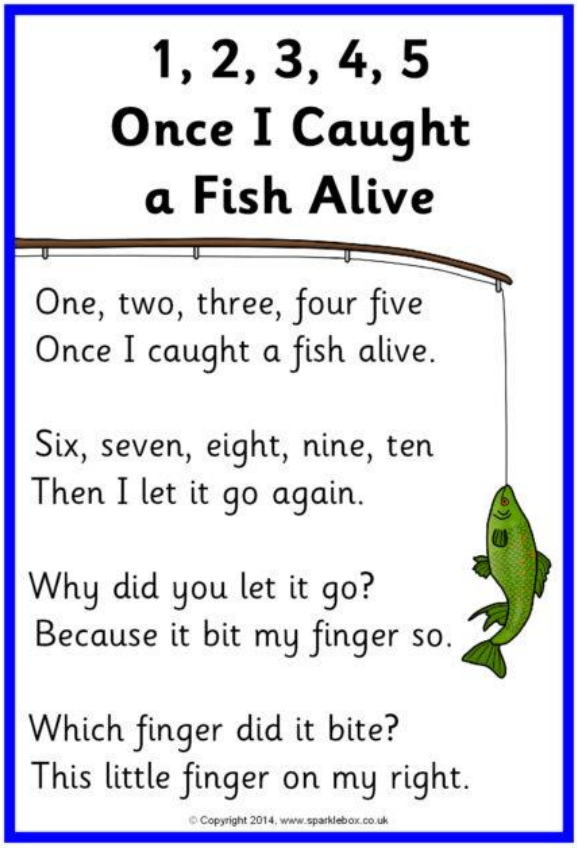
Miss Tsurkan is getting married!

Miss Tajeddin is going to ComiCon

Miss Fortune is planning lots of play dates for her son

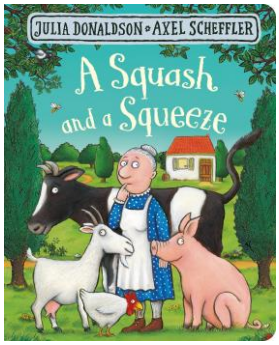
Miss Robertson is going on holiday to Greece with her family

## Song of the week:




## Book of the week:

## A Squash and a Squeeze




## Cooking

### 'Licious Lemony Cheesecake

**Ingredients:**

150g digestive biscuits
65g butter
35g light brown soft sugar
200g full fat cream cheese
100g caster sugar
300ml double cream
2 lemons, zested then juiced
½ tsp vanilla extract
2 tbsp lemon curd
A passion fruit (if you like!)

**Method:**

1. First, line your loaf tin with greaseproof paper.

2. Melt the butter in a small pan and put the biscuits into a food bag.

3. Now use the rolling pin to bash the biscuits until they look like a sandy beach, then tip into a mixing bowl.

**Method (cont):**

4. Stir the light brown sugar into the melted butter, then pour into the biscuit crumbs and give it all a good stir to coat.

5. Spoon it into the bottom of your loaf tin and press to pack it together using the back of the spoon. Pop it in the fridge to firm up.

6. Give your mixing bowl a quick but thorough wipe-out with kitchen paper, then using a wooden spoon to beat together the cream cheese and caster sugar until smooth.

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8. Slowly mix in the juice of 1.5 lemons, all zest and the vanilla extract.

9. Separately whip the double cream until it forms soft peaks – take care not to overwhip! - and then gently fold it into the cream cheese in two loads.

10. Taste (YUM!) and add rest of the lemon juice if you fancy it a bit more lemony.

11. Spoon it over the biscuit base, and give it a couple of good firm bangs on the work surface: this is to jolt out any air bubbles and make them rise to the surface.

12. Lay a dinner plate, or something similar (about 25cm across), on the greaseproof paper; draw around it and then cut it out.

13. Fold it in half three times then open up the pocket that's been created and spoon the lemon curd into it.

14. Fold the open end over to keep things tidy(ish) and cut the tip off the other end.

15. Squeeze out fat lines of curd across the top at regular intervals, then super-lightly drag a cocktail stick down it lengthways – you don't really want to go into the cream if possible.

16. Finish by scraping out a passion fruit and scattering on the seeds, if you fancy.

17. Chill for a couple of hours (you and the cheesecake!) before tucking in.

# Things to remember

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Nursery will take place on Thursday 12th June. Please book your appointment on 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.

- **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.**

- 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.

- 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 you 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.

**A note about PSHEE**

To coincide with our PSHEE topic of 'Changing Me' over the next half term, we will also be discussing the NSPCC's Talk PANTS rules in our lessons. During these discussions we will aim to teach our children the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. These are the PANTS rules:

P: Privates are private.

A: Always remember your body belongs to you.

N: No means no.

T: Talk about secrets that upset you.

S: Speak up, someone can help.

The lessons empower children, in an age-appropriate way, to recognise their rights to their own bodies, say no to touch that is unwanted, and tell someone if they feel uncomfortable. The lessons include activities which help children understand:

- Appropriate and inappropriate touch
- Their right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- The names for parts of the body
- Who to turn to if they ever feel upset or worried

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at:
nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

# Pictures from the Week!