ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 1 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 6

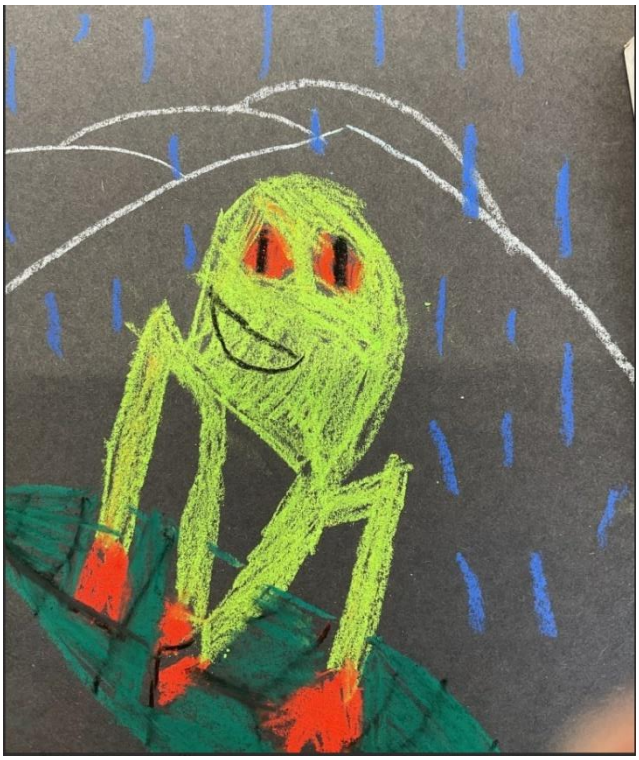
What have we explored this week?

The handwriting in this class is very good, with children forming their letters accurately and with correct pencil grip. We know that this has set them up to move confidently into pre-cursive writing and we are very pleased with how this is progressing this week. Thank you for checking their pencil grip at home when they draw, colour and write numbers or letters.

Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev is a wonderful and dramatic story set to music. We followed the story as it was told and listened out for the tunes that represented each animal. We hope you enjoy watching it at home. Here is the link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i64uy6IfaeU&t=66s

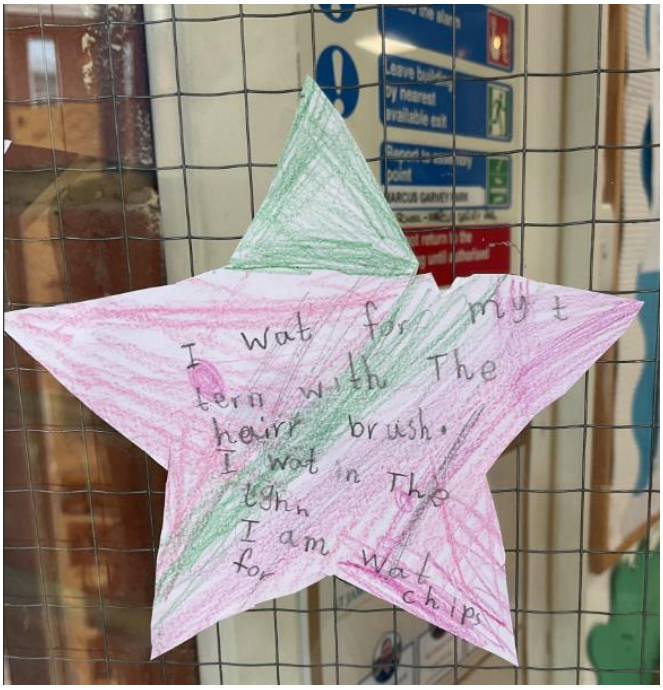
1L had their extra Art session with Mrs Fischel on Wednesday. They developed their creativity using clay. They rolled out clay tiles and then decorated them by adding personalised extra parts of clay using clay glue called slip.

Here is some frog and flower art created with bright and beautiful colours.

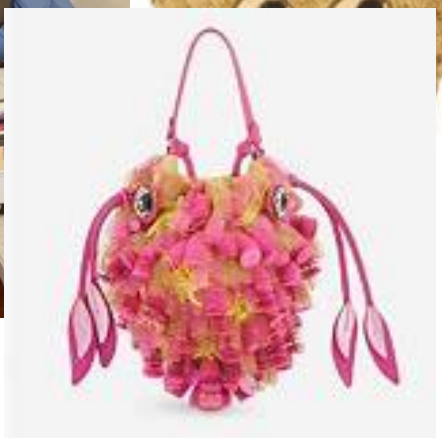


To celebrate the hard work from this term and completing the GL tests, Year 1 had some outdoor fun with our new parachute. The children took turns to lift and run underneath.

In Philosophy we heard a story about Tidy Teddy who was good at running, jumping and lots of other things. However, he also liked to be front of the line all the time and would push his friends aside, to get to the front. The teacher said that discipline is doing the right thing even when you don't feel like it. At lunchtime, Tidy Teddy wanted to be at the front of the line and he nearly pushed his way to the front. Luckily, he remembered to do the right thing which was not to push but to stand in the line without pushing. At home, Tidy Teddy was proud to tell his mum how he showed discipline when lining up at school. We all thought of ways we could show discipline this week, and write them on stars.



We were very lucky to have a visit from the top fashion designer **Anya Hindmarch**. During assembly, she spoke to the children about her struggles with dyslexia throughout her time in school. She used this as her superpower to view the world with greater understanding through images and colour. She shared her huge success of having stores all over the world where she sells her beautiful collection of bags, purses, key chains and much more. The children are inspired by her creative sea life collection.



Things to remember

- There will be a Book Look for all classes on Wednesday 4th June at 8am

- 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.

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.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term, from

Miss Laird and Mrs Cselko.

Timetable for 1L
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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	*Break*				
10:20 – 11:00 Lesson 3	Maths	English	Maths	Drama	English
11:00 – 11:30 Lesson 4				English	
11:30 – 12:00	***Lunch***				
12:00 – 12:30	***Break***				
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	***Break***				
14:20 – 15:05 Lesson 8	PSHEE	Science/FS	Swimming/ Enrichment	Geography/ History	Golden Time
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