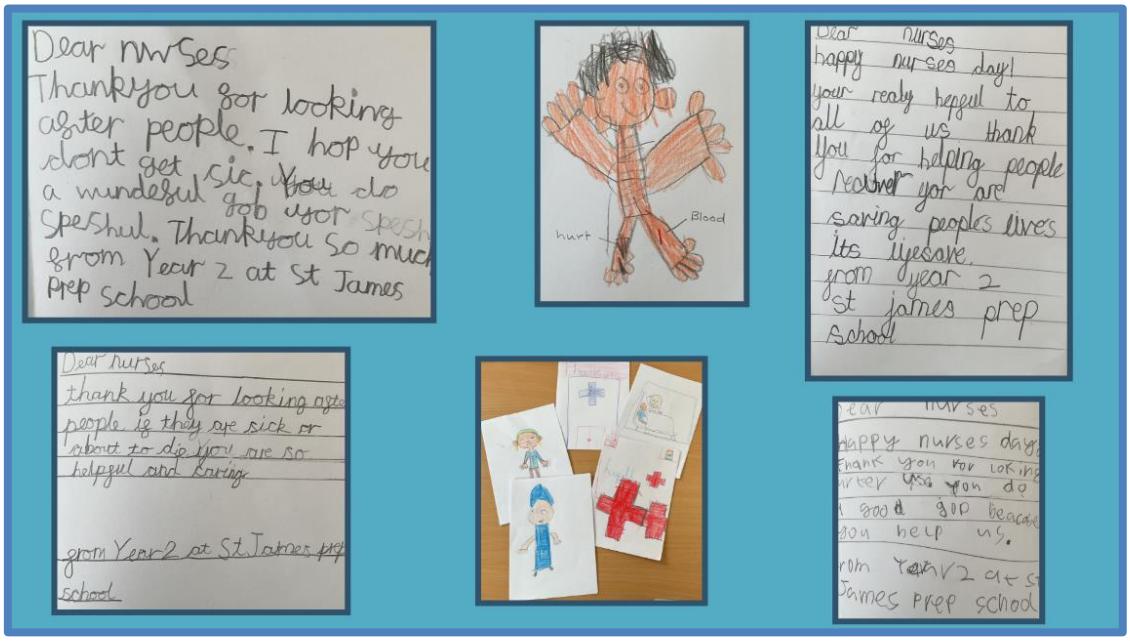
ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 5

What have we explored this week?

Our assembly on World Nurses Day was a great success! I had so many teachers comment on how confidently the children said their lines. I was very proud of them! We shared our knowledge about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, our cards we sent to nurses at Great Ormond Street Hospital and videos from our interview with our very own Matron!



I have been so impressed with how the children have grasped our fractions unit in Maths this half term. Our previous work on grouping, multiplication and division really laid the groundwork for this new topic. There was a lot of new vocabulary such as third, quarter, numerator, denominator, non-unit, unit fractions etc. and they tackled the work with great enthusiasm! We will be moving on to time for the rest of the half term, but it would be fantastic if you could bring fractions into your everyday conversations – it is particularly useful when sharing pieces of cake! Try asking, “How many parts of the whole have been eaten?”.

Things to remember

- On Friday, 23 May, a fund-raising day will take place for Masibambane College. We hope to raise enough funds to purchase a Jojo water tank for this school in South-Africa. Please may your child come to school with a few pounds in a named purse/wallet so that they can participate in the myriad of events taking place e.g. Bake sale, scooter wash and Arts & Craft sale. Our class will be in charge of scooter washing so please bring your (and siblings) scooters/bikes that day for us to clean!

- You are invited to come and join us for a 'family lunchtime' in the Refectory next week (either Tuesday 20th May or Thursday 22nd May) so that you can experience what lunchtime is like at St James and sample our delicious food. You can book for your preferred day via SchoolCloud.

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

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 2 will take place on Friday 13th June. Please book your appointment on SchoolCloud.

- 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.

- **Please note that children must wear a hat a breaktime.** This can be the St James peak cap or the straw hat.

- We are 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.

- 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.

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