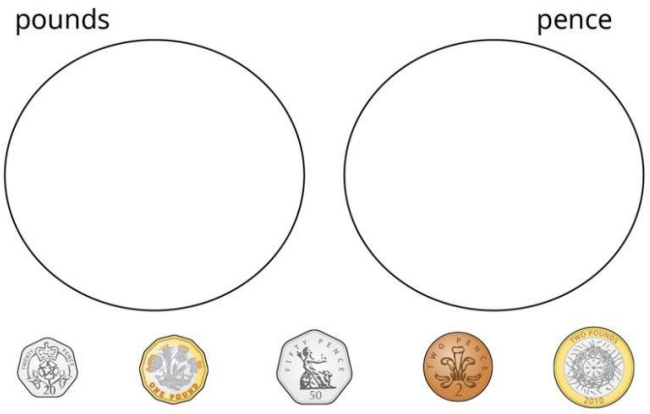
ST JAMES
Preparatory School

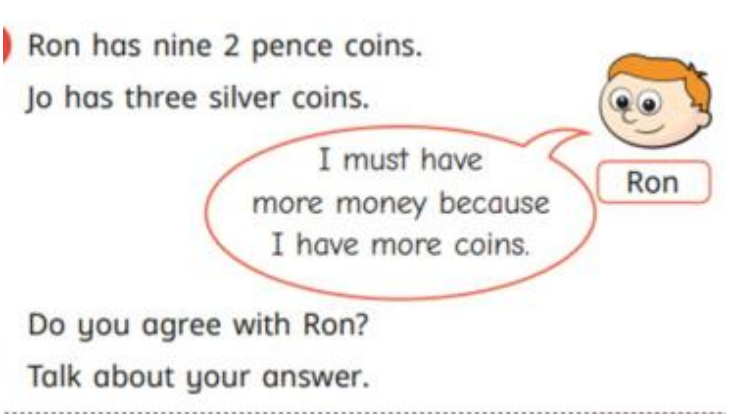
Year 1 Newsletter: Summer Term 1, Week 5

What have we explored this week?

In Maths we have been learning how to find one quarter of an amount. We have also been learning about British money. We used coins and notes to look at value, colour and shape. The children then started to add amounts together and compare values to say which coins and notes were more, less or the same value. We also tried to work out change from a ten pence coin using our knowledge of number bonds to ten. We have discussed the importance of identifying money for shopping and for counting tooth fairy money!

Money song





In English we have been learning pre-cursive letters from the ladder family curly caterpillar family and one-armed robot family. Each letter starts on the line with a swish and ends with a flick. After half term we will learn cursive and try and use it when writing. When we do joined-up writing, it is very important that we use a correct pencil grip with no thumbs on top. We must also form our letters correctly which is why we are so pleased with the careful writing Y1 does. Please expect and ask for good pencil grip at home when doing maths, colouring, drawing and writing.

Next week we are completing our annual GL assessments. These are end of year tests for maths, phonics and reading comprehension. GL tests are standardized assessments which evaluate student performance. The tests track progress, identify strengths and areas for improvement. The results can be discussed in parent meetings and contribute towards end-of-year reports.

Science in action: A seed needs soil, water and sun to grow. We have discovered this by planting seeds and making sure they get what they need. In the new year, we planted broad beans in soil to germinate. Every day we watered them a little and gave them daylight. Once the shoots were strong and healthy, we planted them in the school garden. They are flourishing! Can you see the beautiful purple flowers on our tall, leafy broad bean plants?

This week in RS we made a sukkah linked to the festival of Sukkot. A sukkah is a traditional hut or dwelling made with wood and nature objects. The children designed and the huts independently. We had a lot of fun.

Things to remember

- 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.

- Half term is week beginning Monday 26th May

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

- Parent Teacher Interviews :
  1C-Tuesday 10th June
  1L- Monday 9th June
  Please book your appointment on SchoolCloud.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, from

Miss Laird and Mrs Cselko.

Timetable for 1L
2024-2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	*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
15:05 – 15:15	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

Timetable for 1C
2024-2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	*Break*				
10:20 – 11:00 Lesson 3	Maths	English	Maths	Gym	English
11:00 – 11:30 Lesson 4				English	
11:30 – 12:00	***Lunch***				
12:00 – 12:30	***Break***				
12:30 – 13:00 Lesson 5	ICT	RS	Art and Design	Drama	Gym
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