ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Nursery Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 10

What have we explored this week?

We must begin with a big **thank you** to everyone who helped their child get sponsors for our sponsored walk last week in aid of Masibambane College and for collecting the money so promptly. We are thrilled to share that Nursery alone raised a whopping £650 with the combined total with Reception being £945. Your generosity and support will make a huge difference. We are so grateful to be part of such a kind and supportive community, thank you!

Last Friday, the children had a fantastic time in the school's teaching kitchen, where they made delicious trifles with Chef Allegra and Chef Suzie. They showed wonderful concentration and listened carefully, following each step of the recipe with great care and enthuisiasm. The finished trifles looked absolutely delicious. As each child made two trifles—one to enjoy themselves and one for you, we hope you had the chance to try their tasty creations too! We are sure this culinary delight was enjoyed by all.

This week in our topic work, the children have been learning all about Japan! They have really enjoyed discovering fun and interesting facts, from the capital city to traditional Japanese food. It's been wonderful to see their excitement and curiosity grow throughout the week. Why not ask your child to tell you some of the amazing things they've learned about Japan?

Continuing with our Japan theme, the children took part in the traditional Japanese craft of Hapa Zome during Forest School this week. Using hammers, they carefully pressed leaves and flowers between pieces of cloth to create beautiful, natural prints. We were so impressed with how focused and careful the children were while using the hammers safely and thoughtfully. They were incredibly proud of their unique creations, and it was lovely to see how much they enjoyed this hands-on activity inspired by Japanese art.

What are the teachers doing this weekend?

Miss Tajeddin is going out for breakfast

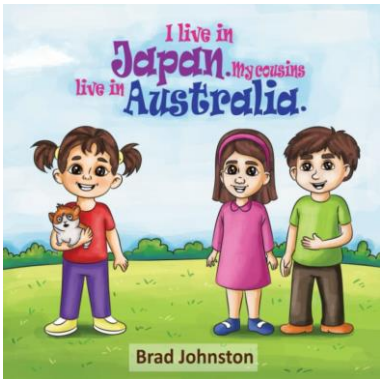
Miss Fortune is going to the cinema

Miss Tsurkan is going for a walk in the park

Miss Robertson is performing some poetry

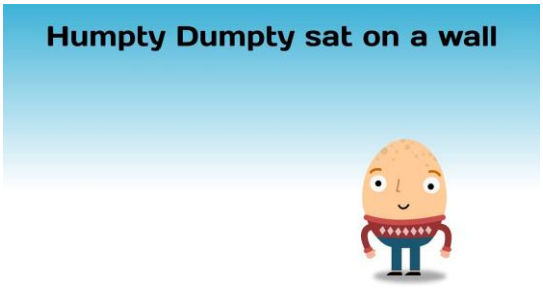
Book of the week:

I live in Japan. My Cousin lives in Australia.



Song of the week:

This week the children have been moving and singing along to Humpty Dumpty in Motor Movers. Why not have a sing along and get your child to show you the actions.



[Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall - BBC Teach]

Topic:

People and Communities

Speech Day

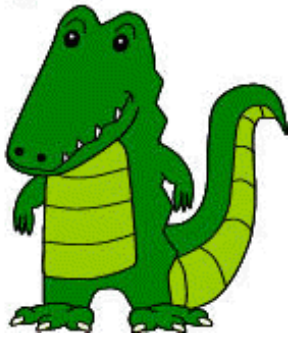
On the last day of term, the Nursery children will be taking part in the St James Annual Speech Day. They will be performing 'The Crocodile' by Lewis Carroll. Please help your child to prepare for the event by practicing at home.

The Crocodile

by Lewis Carroll

How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail,
And pour the waters of the Nile
On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin!
How neatly spread his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in
With gently smiling jaws!



Things to remember

- Thursday July 3rd marks the end of the school year 2024-25. To celebrate the successes of our pupils and wish farewell ahead of the summer break, the whole school will take part in the St James annual **Speech and Prize Giving Day.** This event takes place at the Royal Geographic Society in Kensington. On Thursday July 3rd please bring your child to the Royal Geographic Society at 9.30am ready for the event. The children should be dressed in correct summer uniform. Parents are invited to attend the event. If you wish to attend, please book your tickets by using the following link:

  https://forms.office.com/e/B7fnZ3kRH9

  All children need to be collected from Speech and Prize Day from the Royal Geographic Society at 11.30am when the event ends.

- As this is the final week of term no library books will be sent home this week. Please return any remaining library books that you have at home. Thank you.

- **Summer Sunflower Growing Competition**
  Every child from Nursery to Year 6 will receive a sunflower seed. Please help your child plant their seed and remind them to water it during the summer holiday. When the sunflower is at its prime, please take a photo of it and upload this to ClassDojo. Judging of the photos will take place the first week back in September. Happy growing!
  1st Place Winners: Gold Green Thumb certificate & 200HPs
  2nd Place Winners: Silver Green Thumb certificate & 100HPs
  3rd Place Winners: Bronze Green Thumb certificate & 50HPs

- 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.**

Pictures from the Week!