

SJSC WEEKLY

Autumn term Issue 2: 17th September 2021



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Dear Parents

It has been a wonderful week of sunshine and learning at SJSC...

It was the first week of school for our wonderful new reception children – a huge welcome to them and all our new families.

Each class have been starting work on some exciting new topics and texts which you can read more about below.

And it was fantastic to hear the children as they began to learn songs for the upcoming harvest festival.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Alli Crank and Joseph Bell

The trees have landed...

We had a very exciting delivery this week of 4 very large pear trees for our playground. These were kindly donated to us by a business that was moving offices. It took a large crane to lower the trees over the wall and a bit of hard labour (including from Sharon and Erica!), but the trees look great in the red zone.



SJSC Diary

September

20th Sept – Meet the teacher Y4

22nd Sept – Meet the teacher Y5

23rd Sept – Meet the teacher Y6

October

22nd Oct – Staff Training Day

23-31st Oct – Half Term

November

1st -5th Nov – Year 6 PGL

9th Nov – School Photos

December

17th Dec – Last day of Autumn Term

4th Jan – School closed – Jubilee Extra Bank Holiday

5th Jan- Staff Training Day

6th Jan- – First day of the Spring Term

Learning this week...



Children did their first whole days in Reception this week and are settling in so well! Every child has come in happily, raring to have a go at all the different activities and making lots of new friends. They are all trying their best to follow the new rules and routines. Miss Bown and Mrs Lacey and the rest of the Early Years team are all very proud of them – they are all our Stars of the Week.

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In **Year 1**, we had a very exciting start to the week! We came to school and found that something strange had appeared in the hall and that we needed to become detectives to find out what was happening!

This inspired us to write police reports and 'wanted' posters to see if we could solve the mystery.



In **Year 2** a pile of assorted seeds mysteriously appeared in our classroom! We used a seed identification chart to identify the plants that the different seeds came from including sunflower seeds, pepper seeds, melon seeds and lentils. Then, we thought about what the inside of a seed might look like. We dissected a seed and found that it is made up of three basic parts—a seed coat, an embryo and a food source.



Year 3 we discussed fear. What it is and when we might feel fearful. Then, we thought about how we show it and how we recognise fear in others. Drama helped us to act out how fear could make us feel and what we might do. We discussed how people react differently to fear. We realised that people show fear in different ways, such as being quiet, seeming angry, by hiding, clustering together, running, crying or even fighting. We thought about the ways we can help ourselves and each other to overcome fear.



This week in **Year 4**, we found ourselves amongst a group of Varmints in a faraway field. Trouble was brewing though and soon the slate grey clouds approached, bringing with it a menacing city. We used our descriptive language skills to write about the opposing settings, using a range of noun phrases and even some personification!

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This week, in **Year 5**, we launched our topic – Belonging. Year 5 spent some time looking at pictures of their younger selves. They reflected on the thoughts and feeling they remember having when they first started at SJSC. The pictures generated a wonderful discussion that led us to create a bank of rich adjectives and phrases. This will certainly be useful for the rest of our learning!



This week in **Year 6**, we began reading *The Unforgotten Coat* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We introduced the novel to the class by exploring the major themes from the book using clues left in the pockets of a coat.

Students began exploring the theme of Migration which is our topic for this half term. We will be exploring not only how migration impacts the larger world around us, but also the positive impact that migration has had on our local community.

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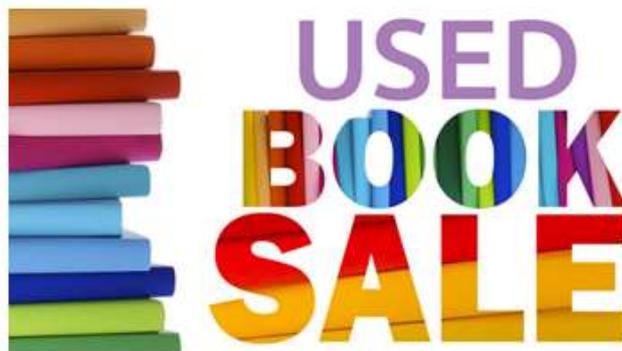
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Plant Fundraiser

We are currently fundraising to fill our classrooms with air-purifying plants. Any contribution would be warmly welcomed to help make our spaces greener and our air cleaner. **Donations can be made in parentmail / shop.**

Reminder...

Please remember to drive responsibly if you drive your child to school. Please do not park on the zig zags or across driveways. We are a School Travel Plan Gold Accredited school and we actively encourage our families to walk, cycle or scoot their journey to school.



When: Wednesday 22nd September - 3.15pm

Where: Playground , under the shed

We welcome you to come to our used book sale to see if any of the books take your fancy. Any donations will be used to buy some brand new books for our classroom book corners and library.

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Fun in the playground this week...

The children have been busy planting, constructing, playing in the mud kitchen and much more!



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Stars of the week

Stars are celebrated because they have demonstrated the school values, or gone above and beyond. Well done to all our stars this week ...

