

SJSC WEEKLY

Summer term Issue 1: 23rd April 2021



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Welcome Back

It has been a wonderful first week of the Summer term with lots of interesting learning taking place, new class projects starting, African drumming, Eco Team meetings, and of course the sun shining brightly! (It doesn't feel like a complete newsletter if we haven't mentioned the weather!).

Look out for your curriculum newsletters being emailed today which share with you the learning for the half term.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Joseph Bell and Alli Crank

Extra-Curricular Activities

Reminder that bookings for summer term extra-curricular activities go live on Monday at 10.00 a.m. There are limited slots available, so be sure to book early to secure a place in one of the blocks available for your year group.

SJSC Diary

April

Monday 19th – Start of term

May

17th – National Number Day

29th May – 7th June – Half Term Break

June

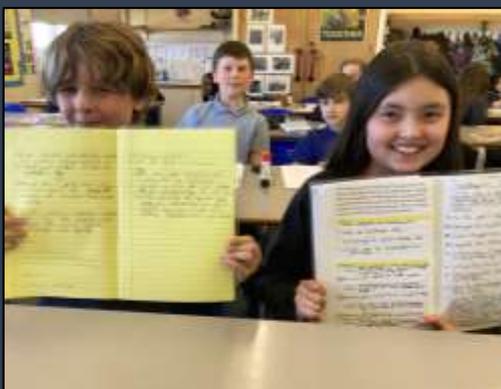
7th – Inset Day: School closed to children

8th – Term begins

21st – Year 6 Cycle Training

28th – Year 5 Cycle Training

Learning this week...



Year 5 have started to read our new text: The Tempest! We've been exploring the features of a successful description of the Tempest itself and the children have collaborated brilliantly when reading through each other's work and providing feedback for improvement. They demonstrated the importance of perseverance through their joint edits. The year 5 project this term will be developing the SJSC Shakespeare Company - look out for their upcoming production of The Tempest!

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Year 1 have been busy learning about space! On Monday, they discovered some mysterious objects scattered around their classrooms. With amazing detective work, they noticed the objects were all linked to space. They spied safety helmets, moon rocks, planet books, space snacks and more! How did they get here? What will happen next? We continue to piece together the mystery and in the meantime are learning more about life as an astronaut inspired by our new text – Astro Girl.



This week, **year 2** discovered some mysterious animal footprints in their classrooms. They investigated which animals the prints belonged to before describing the animals using specific adjectives in order to inform the zoo. Let us know if you notice a polar bear in the area!



This week **year 3** have become 4 and 8 times table experts. We have identified patterns, solved problems and used our reasoning skills. To finish the week, we put our skills and our brains to the test and played multiplication board games!



Year 4 have been investigating how different household machines work, from dragons in toasters to polar bears delivering ice to keep fridges cool. Luckily, our helpful friend Dudley has helped us find out the science behind the machines. We have been writing, editing and publishing our findings... Did you know toasters have electromagnets and springs?

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Year 6 enjoyed beginning to learn all about African drumming. This week they learned how to hold the drums correctly, and how to 'open' the drum so that the sounds carries.



In **Reception**, we have been inspired by Eric Carle's 'The Tiny Seed'. The children have been using their green fingers to grow cress. They applied their phonics knowledge to write instructions with very impressive sentences! Once the seeds have sprouted children are looking forward to making and tasting healthy egg and cress sandwiches. Outside, children continued to plant with seed balls. They read the planting instructions and used rulers to make sure the seeds grow 10 cm apart from each other. Every day children will take it in turns to water their plants and observe their growth!



Hearing Impaired Resource Base News

This week Year 6 pupils from the Hearing Impaired Resource Base enjoyed a Deaf Identity workshop delivered online by the National Deaf Children's Society. It was great fun to identify themselves with various film and book characters shown to us by Luke! The children learnt how important it is to tell people around them about their deafness and what everyone needs to do to help them hear.

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Eco School

This term we have a newly founded Eco Team, facilitated by Sally and led by the children. The whole school is involved in developing a more sustainable approach to school life and also to have a positive impact, not only in our school environment, but the wider world.

Each class has elected two representatives to attend meetings to be their voice. This week saw the first official Eco Team meeting.

Patience reports back on the discussion and actions...

This year our school has launched an Eco Team to help make this place greener and eco-friendlier! This term we are focussing on paper waste. If you are not aware, we waste lots of paper. Of course, things are being done to stop this like a scrap paper draw, however we could do more.

We have created an Eco notice board and ideas box to ensure everyone, Eco team or not, is onboard!

Meanwhile, we are enjoying being in the sunshine in our outdoor spaces. We even have some tomato and strawberry plants starting to come through in our veg patch!



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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 ...

Year One



Year Two



Year Three



Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



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SJSC Community Cricket



WE NEED YOU!



SJSC Parents' Cricket Team!!!!

Dear Cricket Enthusiast!!

Are you eager to dust off your stained cricket whites or have you been inspired by Ben Stokes' on-field heroics? The **SJSC Parents Cricket Team** are on a recruitment drive to assemble a squad of willing players for the upcoming "season".

The season includes three "grudge" games, against the opposing schools, on these dates: -

1. 23rd May vs Goodrich
2. 27th June vs Heber
3. 11th July vs Dulwich Hamlet (tbc)

If you would like further details and/or would like to play, please get in touch, by emailing Geoff Morton (geoffmorton2009@gmail.com).

Lets bring home the " Schools" Ashes !!!