**Pupil star of the week**

LL: AM: Evelyn- For her fabulous home learning. I particularly loved seeing how much you enjoyed making your silly soup.

LL: PM: Noah- For his amazing home learning. I have loved seeing how enthusiastic Noah has been.

CC: AM: Sheyla- For her amazing home learning. I particularly enjoyed seeing your number hunt

CC: PM: Freddie- For being a home learning superstar and completing every challenge with a massive smile.

BB: Imogen for some fantastic home learning and a big improvement on her handwriting.

SS 1: Scarlet Mongan - For settling in so quickly and being super friendly in her new class.

SS 1/2: Joshua Gombe - for working hard and avoiding distractions to produce some amazing writing.

DD 2:   Riley Murphy- For taking ownership over his learning at school and at home and for ALWAYS trying his best!

Deacon Watson- For having a WONDERFUL week with his learning behaviours and for trying so hard with his learning!

SS 3/4: Caleb Penn- For putting 100% effort into everything he does and working hard to improve his work.

BB 3/4: Elisia Cuthbert - for her positive attitude to learning and being resilient in all that she does.

WW 3/4: Teleah Serrant - for working so hard in all her lessons but especially for Science and the knowledgeable answers given.

OO 5: Martin Mongan - for having a fantastic first week in school, trying his hardest with his tests and really enjoying his reading with Mrs Gibbons! Well done!

SS 5: Simran Kaur. New hair, same fantastic girl. Always a pleasure to teach, puts 300% effort into everything  (if that's possible) and a model to the rest of her classmates with her attitude to learning.. Her writing especially has been really good this week. She has taken her time editing and improving her work with prepositional and adverbial phrases. WELL DONE Sim!

LL 6: Curtis - for taking great care with the features he has used in his writing, for always setting a positive example and helping a new friend settle into life at our school.

MM 6: Emaan. Emaan has worked tirelessly all half term. She is an absolute delight to teach and is so polite and caring towards other pupils and staff in her year group. Emaan is a wonderful role model and sets high standards for herself in all areas of her life.



**Important Notices**

HOME LEARNING

When will my child need to learn from home?

• If your child has to self-isolate because of coronavirus. This includes if they are asked to self-isolate by school or if they have to self-isolate because their siblings or family members have to self-isolate due to a positive test case. This will be for 14 days.

• If a child has to self-isolate as they are awaiting a test result or a family member is awaiting a test result. This will be approximately 2/3 days.

• If there’s a local lockdown and the school is advised to partially close or your child has to shield

**What we’ve done this week**

Lively Ladybirds:  At the start of the week we used our senses to explore pumpkins and a variety of squash. We looked at the variety of colours and compared sizes.

Curious Caterpillars: At the start of the week we used our senses to explore pumpkins and a variety of squash. We discussed what it felt like and then made simple predictions of what we thought it would be like inside.

Brilliant Butterflies: This week we have been learning about positional language. We used our toys to describe different positions and drew pictures following positional instructions.

Successful Swans: This week we have been using our senses to explore our environment.  We have learned that humans have 5 senses.

Daring Ducklings:   This week we have been learning the physical features of Kenya and comparing them to the physical features of Allerton.

Stupendous Squirrels: This week the Squirrels have been outside foraging for food that might have been eaten by Stone Age man,

Blissful Badgers: This week, we have been hunter gatherers and have foraged for things that the Stone Age people would have used. We then used some of those things to do some cave drawing and painting.

Wondrous Whales:  This week, we have been carrying out an investigation on testing the hardness of different types of rocks.  We are also testing, with water, to see which rocks are porous and which are not.

Omniscient Otters: This week, the children have shown great resilience and attitude to keep on going even though some have felt a little tired! It has been lovely to welcome a new member into our class and see some really positive friendships.

Super Seals: Last week of term and the attitude of all of them has not dropped. We completed our Art work we started with Tony Bullock, created an i movie about what we have learnt in geography and wrote our own letter about being stranded on an island. Not bad for just 1 weeks worth of lessons.

Leaping Lions: This week, we had the opportunity to deliver all the food donations generously brought in by children across school. The Harvest service was a wonderful experience. In class, we enjoyed reading Wonder, and completing our own journey tales.

Magnificent Monkeys:.We have prepared our Harvest festival in Church and donated food to the food bank and local community. In maths we have been revisiting fractions and have learnt how to multiply and divide fractions.

**Head Teacher’s comment**

What another amazing week at St James! It has been a long and challenging half term full of successes and highlights. This week I have 3:

1. The way the staff all supported each other on Wednesday- it was one of those days and they all supported each other
2. Seeing Tom Percival the author talk to all our Year 1 and 2 children- it was joyous to see their questions and smiles as he spoke to them.
3. A great piece of oracy in Year 6 with Mr Brownsell as Ramzi and Alex listened, debated and spoke so eloquently about a tricky subject.

On another note we found out today we have just been made a PE centre of excellence!! This is amazing news and a huge congratulations to all the staff, pupils and community. A sincere thank you to Mr O’Brien whose leadership and vision has made this possible.

As we move into have term we have been discussing the importance of community and this week Harry spoke to use all about people in our community who make a difference. As you take this time to reflect on your half term remember you can all make a difference and each and everyone of you do each and every day.

Take care and look after yourselves and your families. Remember the rules around social distancing and protect one another in this very challenging time.

I wish you a safe and happy half term. I will see you again on Monday 2nd November.

**Photos from this week**





