



Pupil star of the week

LL: AM Eleanor for trying really hard in PE to land on her feet (and not her head). Also her balancing skills were very impressive.

LL: PM All the afternoon Ladybirds for being truly amazing all the time. Your love for learning is awesome and you all engage with all the activities with enthusiasm. Well done

CC: AM- Sheyla- For being an all round superstar who loves to learn and challenge herself

CC: PM- Ada- For showing courage in PE when using the apparatus

BB: Thaiyah for really working on her concentration in phonics resulting in her reading being much more fluent.

SS 1: The whole class - for contributing to their community by working so hard and being helpful this week.

SS 1/2: Jemimah - for always putting in 100% effort, showing how much she cares by listening carefully and being polite.

DD 2: Patrick for trying to come to school with a positive attitude and communicating his needs/ thoughts to more teachers in the classroom.

BB 3/4: Tyler for being himself this week, making good choices and working really hard. He has done some great writing this week. Well done Tyler.

WW 3/4: Inayah B- for her hard work in all subjects. She is becoming a confident communicator and is developing her expert knowledge all the time. Well Done

SS 3/4 : Roksana - for being a caring friend and always being herself - always modelling respect and good manners to her peers.

OO 5 : Hawa Hussain - For being brave and courageous to face her fears! Well done Hawa :)

SS 5: Humayl - for his writing in English. I can tell he is really trying to upscale his language and make it more exciting to read. I showed his work to his mum and she was equally impressed. Well done young man! Proud of you.

LL 6: Sarah - for showing greater care with her presentation and handwriting, and confidently communicating her ideas in RE and Reading.

MM 6: Callum - For always working hard in every lesson but always showing that he cares about other people in our class community by being a good friend.





What we've done this week

Lively Ladybirds: This week we have focused on lots of sensory play. We made Kinetic sand, sensory bottles, painted our feet (and legs) and jelly play. Lots of communication about how it feels. We've also enjoyed loose parts play.

Curious Caterpillars: This week we have been learning about the story Puffin Peter by Petr Horáček. We have learnt all about Puffins and their key features.

Brilliant Butterflies: This week we have been working on sharing in maths. We have used soft toys to share objects equally. The children have really enjoyed using their mini-me's to share objects between their friends.

Swooping Starlings: The children have enjoyed getting to grips with measuring and have learned to measure objects using a centimetre ruler.

Successful Swans: This week in Swans we have been learning to calculate problems with money. We have had fun counting the coins Mr Gibbons has been collecting in his copper jar. We know there is £7.43

Daring Ducklings: This week we have finished designing our own board games. We have then written our own instructions for them! They have been so much fun to make.

Blissful Badgers: This week we had a great debate in RE about the kind of world Jesus would want and whether we should be made to be kind or not. The children wrote some great balanced arguments.

Wondrous Whales: This week in Whales, we have been exploring Tutankhamun and his death. We held our own criminal investigation and discussed and debated the main suspects. We then made our judgement on who we thought was guilty.

Stupendous Squirrels: This week we have used our knowledge of Egypt to write a persuasive text, encouraging others to visit Egypt.

Omniscient Otters: Otters have produced some fantastic work this week, from their newspaper reports to their science reports all about properties of materials. They have worked really hard and should be proud of what they have come up with. Well done Otters!

Super Seals: It's been a great final week this term, we have been creating our own game in ICT and produced a leaflet about all the learning we have done in Science this term. I wish you all the best holiday and a deserved rest, ready for the final term this year.

Leaping Lions: In RE, we had a mature and reasoned discussion about Prison Fellowship, and giving people second chances. I have also been impressed with our independent diary entries, which have used a range of writing features and been inspired by work across the curriculum and our time in Year 6.

Magnificent Monkeys: I am very proud of all my class for their excellent double page spreads of the work they have learnt about in History. They are very creative and contain fabulous information about the war.



Important notices

1. We break up for school on Friday 28th May and come back on Monday 7th June
2. On Friday 18th June we have a holiday- this was the one that was originally in November 2020. School will be closed on that day.
3. Please read class Dojo as your teachers have made some amazing videos of your children's work.

Half term contact:

Over half term please message me or Mrs Thompson on Class Dojo if there is a positive test for Coronavirus in your household. My e-mail address is: chris.tolson@academystjames.com

Ingleborough and Nell Bank

Due to the changes in government guidelines our Nell Bank visit is now just for the day. Our Y6 visit will just be for 1 night as they can only accommodate 30 children at once.

Summer

We have applied to run another summer holiday programme in July and August. Watch this space for more details.

Head Teacher's comment

It has been a wonderful half term- there is so much to be proud of.

I have just been reflecting on our half term focused on courage and had the pleasure to walk through our festival of learning which has been an absolute joy.

My highlights this week have been:

1. I loved watching EYFS in PE this week- swinging and moving to the music.
2. Watching Hawa stroke Jasper for the first time- she showed so much courage!
3. I loved seeing Year 1 and 2 write their instructions- they were fantastic!
4. In Year 6 our children were writing some amazing diary entries- we tweeted them and the authors loved them!
5. In Year 5 they were doing some extended writing in Science- it was wonderful to see the work they produced.
6. In Year 3 and 4 it was great to see the work they produced in RE- wow!

I have loved having our worship outside- it has been great to see the children all together again (at a distance). We managed to tackle a tricky challenge in teams!

I hope you have a great half term- look after yourselves and I am looking forward to seeing you back on Monday 7th June.

Kind regards

Mr Tolson



Photos from this week

