



St John & St James' C of E Primary School

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Half Term

We hope that all the children and families of SJSJ have a lovely, relaxing and well deserved break! We look forward to seeing you all and ready for the second half of the Autumn term.

Children return at the usual time of 8.55am on Monday 1st November 2021.

Breakfast Club resumes as normal at 8.00am on Monday 1st November 2021.



Football Competition

This week, a group of pupils attended the Young Hackney annual football tournament. Both the boys and girls team put on fantastic performances in the group stages. Which saw the boys finish second in their group and the girls winning their group to progress into the semi finals.

Congratulations to our girls, who out of twenty schools, were able to progress to the final and win, led by their captain Elizabeth (Year 6) and vice captain Keichardae (Year 6).

A special well done to Mason and Gabriella in Year 4 who attended the Year 5 & 6 competition and contributed greatly to their teams.



Wellness Tip

Over the past 5 weeks, we have given you a different wellbeing exercise to practice. Over half term, we would like to see if you can do 10 of each, in a row. Just to remind you, they were:

Star jumps, high knees, lunges, squats and jumping squats.

This means doing 10 of each exercise without stopping. If you aren't confident, start by doing 3 of each, then 5 of each and then challenge yourself with 10.

If you think you can do more than 10 each, why not try 15? Good luck!

Black History Month Celebration

Over the month of October, all pupils have been learning about Black history including key events, stories and achievements of Black people in the past and present day. On Wednesday, the classes performed some music from black artists that have inspired us. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to watch our Black History Month celebration.

Nursery and Reception sang "Three Little Birds," by Bob Marley. It is one of Marley's most popular songs and has been covered by various different artists over time.

Year 1 and 2 sang "Better must come" by Delroy Wilson who was a Jamaican reggae artist. He created this song to campaign for equality and put an end to discrimination.

Year 3 and 4 sang "Lean on me" by Bill Withers. His childhood in the coal mining town of Slab Fork, West Virginia was the inspiration for the song. When he moved to Los Angeles, he found himself greatly missing the community he called his home and the friends he could lean on.

Year 5 and 6 sang 'Stand By Me' by Ben E King. The song started as a gospel hymn and became a song of love and support over time.



Online Safety Tip

Do not download or install anything on your computer without your parents' permission.



School Lunch

In honour of Black History Month the catering team made Jerk Chicken - made from scratch, using their own in-house marinade including scotch bonnet chilli, spring onion, garlic, ginger, allspice and a few secret tweaks from Chefs Patrick and M'Balu. The children ate this with plantain and gravy, rice and peas, school slaw and side salad.

In the kitchen we have one cook from Sierra Leone, two support staff, one from Jamaica and the other from Ghana and an Anglo-Irish Anglo-Saxon chef in the team.



Amazing Work...

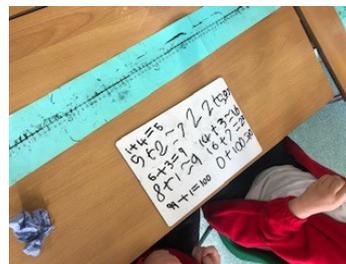
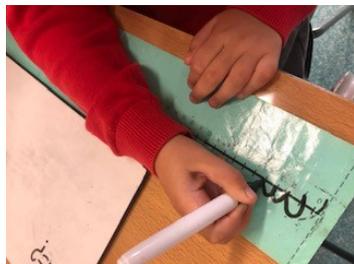
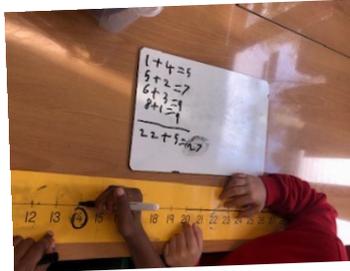
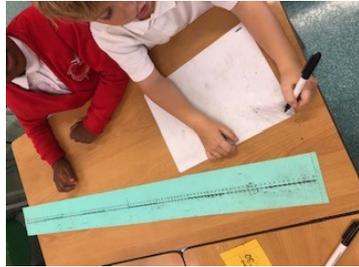
In **Nursery** for BHM, they have been looking at the work of Artist Alma Thomas. The class have been exploring the colours, patterns and shapes she uses in her wonderful paintings. The children learnt the printmaking process and used lemons, paint and specialist canvas. The lemons were cut in half to expose the wonderful patterns inside the fruit. The children used the fruit as a stamp to create a print and repeated a concentric circle with the colours changing for each layer.



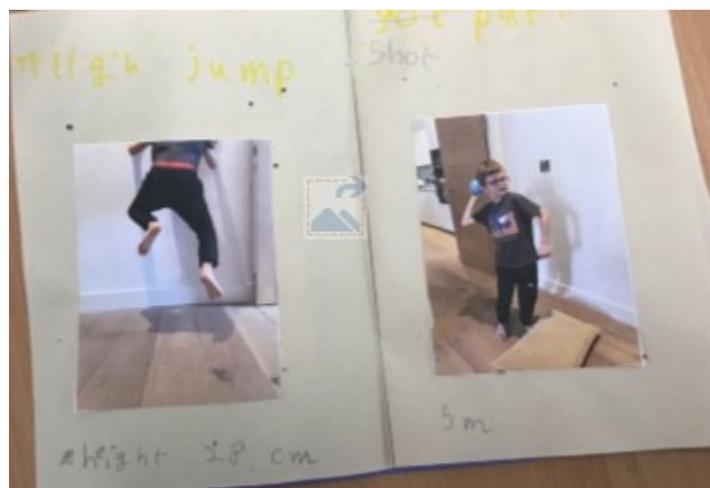
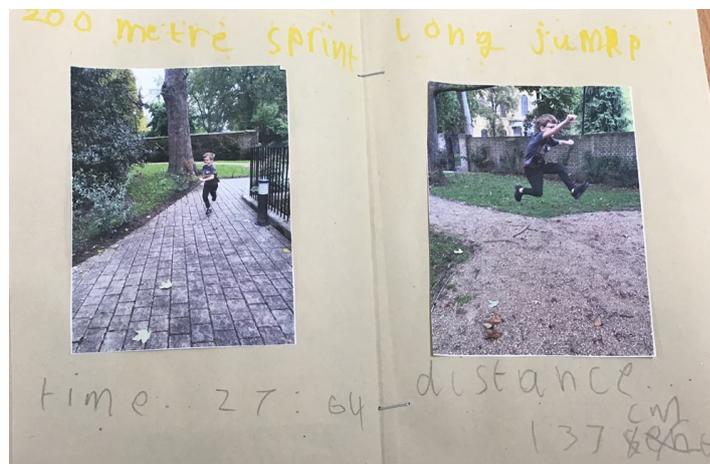
Reception have been learning about the art of making Kente clothe. The class watched videos of the talented weavers in Ghana and learned about some of the patterns they use and what the different colours symbolise. As a class they made their own Kente blanket which can be seen outside their classroom. Here's Ruben painting the weaving frame.



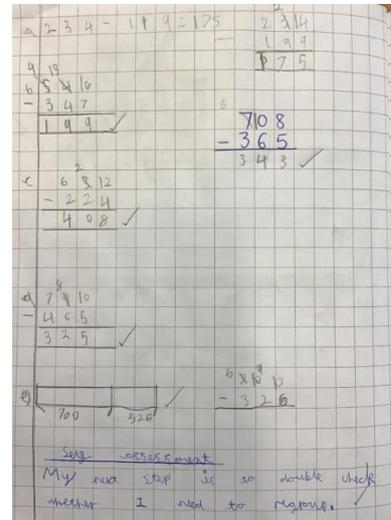
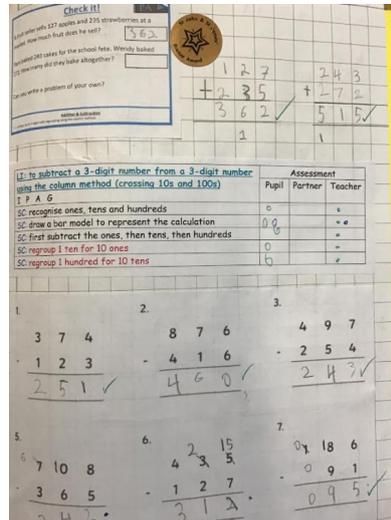
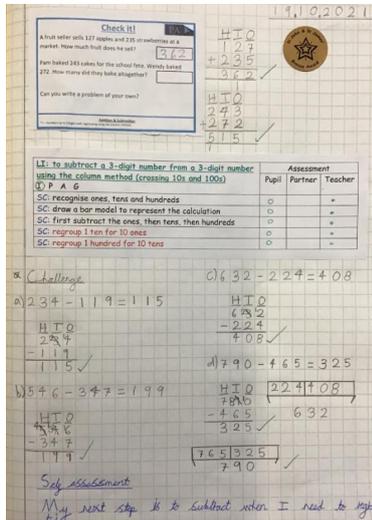
In Maths this week, **Year 1** has been using their number lines to add. The class looked at their number sentence, decided what number they needed to start with and then jumped forward the amount they were adding. Year 1 are now number line experts!



Seth from **Year 2** created this amazing book inspired by Tessa Sanderson who was a former British Olympic Gold Medal winner.



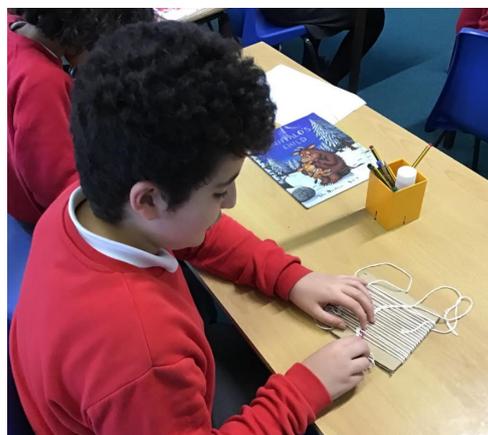
Having heard all about column subtraction in the assembly, here's what it looks like in their books! As you can see, the class are now using column subtraction. Children are at different stages in the learning, but every child in **Year 3** is now able to use column subtraction with regrouping (a fair swap!). A fantastic result for the end of a half term's hard work in their Maths lessons.



To celebrate Black History Month, **Year 4** have been exploring the work of famous artist, Faith Ringgold. She believed that people of all races should be represented in a community, so she created beautiful paintings to show inclusivity for all. The class looked at lots of her work and took inspiration from her designs to create their own masterpieces that incorporated key vocabulary linked to diversity. Their focus skill was printing, which means they had to carve their final designs into styrofoam blocks, before adding a layer of paint...



Year 5 had a weaving workshop earlier this week. They learnt how to weave and produced some lovely designs.



This week, **Year 6** did a wonderful weaving workshop with Christie Balfour, who works at St John's Church. She helped the children learn about weaving and they had a go at creating their own masterpieces, similar to the one Christie has done in creating the altar cloth for the church. We were so inspired by Christie's work and the year 6's showed true patience, resilience and creativity with their final pieces!



Half Term Camp - Level 10



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25TH - 29TH**

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Our Staff

Our coaching staff are widely experienced in delivering sport based lessons to pupils aged 5 - 12 years old. These lessons are engaging, action-packed, inclusive and FUN!

All of our coaches are either UEFA or FA qualified, hold enhanced DBS certificates and are first aid qualified.

Activities Include:

- + Football
- + Basketball
- + Handball
- + Tag Rugby
- + Hockey
- + Rounders
- + Dodgeball
- + Arts & Crafts

Welcome to Dream Space

A brand new feature to our camps is our Dream Space activities that is centred around unleashing the creativity of the children

"A little magic can go a long way"



Camp Times

9am - 3pm

Extended hours upon request

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Important Dates

Details of Event	Time	Date
First Day of Term	8.55	01.11.2021

Reminder

Please be reminded that meal choices should be made at the beginning of every half term and remain the same until the start of the next term.

It is incredibly difficult to manage school meal accounts if children are constantly swapping between school meals and packed lunch.

If your child's meal option does change from the term before, please ensure that you inform the main school office.

Thank you.

Gold Award

Name	Year	Reason
Etan	Year 1	For trying his best in maths this week.
Johnny	Year 1	For an amazing attitude to his learning this half term.
Amayah and Beatrice	Year 2	For having an incredible half term and producing outstanding work.
Braymil	Year 3	For fantastic effort across every lesson and always kind to those around him. What a great start to Year 3!
Lily	Year 3	For brilliant approach to learning and always trying her best.
Emilio	Year 4	For amazing effort across all lessons this half term.
Rhyannah	Year 4	For always trying her best in maths.
Suki	Year 5	For some fantastic writing and putting in lots of effort.
Surayah	Year 5	For being such a hard worker all half term.
Blake and Caelan	Year 6	For an amazing job in presenting in front of the whole school for the BHM performance. They both projected their voices and were incredibly brave.
Elizabeth and Gabrielle	Year 6	For incredible effort across their learning. They have been so focused, determined and resilient.
Lily and Lucas	Year 6	For a great term, working hard and being helpful reading partner in lessons.