

## Year 5 Newsletter: Spring, Week 9

### What have we explored this week?

To celebrate Science Week 2024, Year 5 attended fabulous workshops at the Science Museum, South Kensington. The children witnessed chemical reactions (quick and delayed) and learned about the triangle of fire (oxygen, heat and fuel). They also witnessed the colours that different metals make when they are heated, which helped them to understand how fireworks are created. We were able to wander around The Clockmakers' Gallery to explore this year's theme of 'TIME' in more detail!

Also in Science this week, the children concluded their research into endangered animals and presented their findings to one another in the class. I was super impressed with the level of detail that the children included in their posters and speeches.



## Things to Remember

- You are welcome to join us on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, from 8:15 to 8:45, for an Internet Safety Workshop led by Ms. Foster. This session will aim to equip parents with tools to navigate the digital world alongside their children safely.
- We are looking forward to welcoming parents into our classroom on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** for a Book Look, from 8:15am to 9am. If you have children in different classes in the Upper School, staff will be on hand to escort you around so that you can see all of your children's brilliant work.
- **Also on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 are invited to a meeting to introduce our upcoming and exciting Digital Transformation. This will be rolled out from September to children currently in these year groups to start with, and the meeting is an opportunity to give you an initial overview of the initiative. The meeting will take place at 9am, straight after the Book Look; please wait in the main reception area, and you will be taken to the meeting room.
- Please remember to book places (maximum of 2 per family) for Grandparents and Friends morning on the last day of term, **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**.  
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As part of Grandparents' Morning, we will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. The children are invited to make an Easter-themed hat or headdress to wear on the day. As we are an eco-friendly school, we would like the children to reuse or upcycle items for their creations. Children must still wear full school uniform and bring their hats in on the day. As this is a fundraising event, please bring £1.

A bake sale will take place after the parade, in the courtyard, where monies raised will be shared between the three charities St James Prep supports - The Daisy Trust, St Vincent's School for the Sensory Impaired and Other Needs and Rossholme School in Kenya.

- All children will need football boots, boot bags and a **towel**. Those doing football will need shin pads and those doing contact rugby will need a moulded mouth guard that can stay in school.

- Please may children be reminded to practise their lines for the upcoming Shakespeare Festival Week.
- Spelling Shed activities are set weekly. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings frequently.
- Children **will** be swimming on Fridays.