



ST JAMES  
Preparatory School

## Year 6 Newsletter: Summer Term Week 2

### What have we explored this week?

In Science, we have continued to explore electricity. The children made circuits which included bulbs, buzzers and batteries. They also learned the scientific symbols for the components of a circuit and practised drawing them.



Maths has been focused on angles. Children have been practising their protractor skills and learning rules for calculating missing angles. We are also engrossed in our 'Enterprise Project', with the children working hard on their pitch presentations to secure their budget.

Our English learning has centred on vocabulary and grammar. We have been revising how to write the different types of past tense verbs - these will be used when writing our adventure flashbacks.

In Philosophy, we enjoyed discussing closed and open questions about the painting, '*An Experiment on a Bird in an Air Pump*' by Joseph Wright



## PSHE Update

In PSHE over the coming weeks, our lessons will focus on puberty and human reproduction. The lessons will cover:

- The changes that happen during puberty – both physical and emotional.
- Managing change during teenage years – emotions, getting on with friends and family, pressures from peers and media.
- Human reproduction – how babies are made, different types of families, adoption and IVF.

For these lessons, the boys will be taught by Mr Norris and the girls by Ms Parker-Wood. All the children will be taught the same content, but given a safe-space to learn and ask their own questions.

Please be aware that the children may discuss these sessions with you. Please do share any questions that you have with us beforehand. Also, if you are concerned about your child taking part in these lessons, you have the right to withdraw them.

## Things to Remember

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday – there is no school on this day.
- Swimming takes place on Fridays. Please support your child in remembering to pack their swimming kit.
- On 8<sup>th</sup> May, Year 6 will be heading to Leighton House Museum in Holland Park for an art-themed trip. We will leave after lunch and return before home-time.
- Please complete and return the medical form for our upcoming residential that the children have brought home this week. It is also attached.
- We are delighted to be taking part in *National Numeracy Day* on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We will be focusing on nurturing a love of problem solving and logical thinking. Children are strongly encouraged to dress up in a maths themed outfit. We had some incredible outfits last year and can't wait to see the children's creativity this year. There are prizes to be won!
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 8:20am: All parents are invited to a meeting about the exciting upcoming Digital Transformation at St James Prep, an initiative involving Years 4, 5 and 6 initially. The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to learn about how devices will be used to enhance teaching and learning, including hands-on demonstrations, and for you to discuss any queries you may have.
- Sports Day is on Friday, 24 May. All **pupils must make their own way to the Linford Christie Stadium** and be **collected at 12:00**.