



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 8

What have we explored this week?



What a busy week! Monday's trip to Holland Park was a huge success. Despite the uncertain weather, the children enjoyed completing orienteering and Science activities and exploring the beautiful surroundings of the park. We also paid a visit to the blue plaque site of Kenneth Graeme, author of the 'Wind in the Willows'. As expected, the children's favourite trip memory was the time spent in the adventure playground!

Today's 'Feel Good Friday' was a sponsored charity event, where the children made origami. We linked it in with our zones of regulation, asking the children to illustrate their emotions before making an origami paper aeroplane. Following that, we made some more traditional origami shapes. Thank you so much for pledging your donations towards UNICEF. Please send the children in with the cash donations from Monday 17th June.



In English we looked at different sentence patterns and how to embellish these to develop characters and tell the reader how the character is feeling. We used the rule of 3 to describe the loneliness of a character and some of their activities they completed alone. This was taken from the extract from the model text; 'Bob had to do all his jobs alone, eat his lunch alone and even bounce on his bouncy castle alone'.

In Maths we have looked at different properties of shapes. We have learned how to describe the faces, sides and vertices of shapes, as well as how to compare them. Some children completed the First Maths Challenge today, which is a great introduction to the range of reasoning and problem solving challenges that the children complete as they move through Upper School.

Things to Remember

- A message from Mrs Kourtis, our Librarian:
We are excited that the library is going to have a makeover during the summer holidays. What this means now is that it is really important to have all library books returned to school by Friday 28th June at the latest. This is to allow stock to be catalogued prior being packed away for the duration of the works. Thank you, as ever, for your support.
- As usual, **this week's homework** is in the yellow folder. Pupils have been given until Wednesday 19th June to complete all tasks as best as they are able to. The Spelling and Maths tasks should take 20-25 minutes. This week's English homework to learn the first part of our model text map.
- We also continue to encourage the children to use **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**. We would like all children and parents to know that Ms Foster has stipulated that each week **TTRS must be played in Garage Mode only**, for 2 x 5 minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.
- Please do ensure you are listening to your child **read aloud** as much as possible - ideally on a daily basis, filling in the yellow reading record. We would encourage quality reading of 10-15 minutes (including discussion) rather than lengthy sessions of page turning! Even though your child may not finish a book every night, they always need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.

