



# ST JAMES

Preparatory School

## Year 5 Newsletter: Summer, Week 8

### What have we explored this week?

This week, the children were practising replicating sentence patterns in their English lessons. We were focusing particularly on the use of repetition and the power of three for maximum impact. I was so impressed with the work of all the children when they were asked to persuade someone to tidy their school desk. Find examples from the children below:

*When your desk looks like an abandoned junkyard; when mounds of ripped paper overcrowd your desk; when your pens and pencils scream for single grasp of fresh air, then you must change your ways.*

*When piles of pulverised paper are left growing; when deserts of dust destroy your desk; when books are choked in a sea of stationery, then something must be done.*



In Maths, our work with decimals has continued, and next week we will be looking to apply this knowledge when looking at metric units of measurement.

In Science, our focus has been on the stages of childhood development, which has prompted the class to think back to when they were babies and toddlers and what their needs may have been.

Thursday afternoons have continued to be full of sunshine: perfect for cricket matches.

## Things to Remember

- Swimming on **Friday afternoons**.
- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**: Year 5 PTIs
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June (afternoon)**: Swimming Gala
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (afternoon)**: Dance Concert
- The store for purchasing the digital device bundles for children in Years 4 and 5 is open and can be accessed via this link:  
<https://stjamessschools.edutechstore.zone>  
Only devices purchased through this store will be used in school. The deadline for purchasing is the **7<sup>th</sup> July**.
- 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Please see details for an Atom discount code, which you may find useful over the summer.



An advertisement for Atom Home, a digital learning platform. It features a young girl in a blue uniform with a yellow sash, standing in front of a circular interface with various icons. The text reads: "Watch your child's love of learning reach new heights". Below this, there are three sections: "Build knowledge" (Answer questions, earn digital Customise Ats the reinster and explore new words. Build on what you learn in school and deeper subject mastery skills in English, maths and science.), "Feel confident" (Our adaptive technology ensures your child sees questions at the right level of difficulty to keep them motivated and progressing at a pace that's right for them.), and "Track progress" (Stay up-to-date with your child's performance with real-time data insights. See exactly where to focus next to build secure knowledge across the curriculum.). At the bottom, it says "Use SUMMERLEARN2024 to save 20% on your first month" and "Rated 4.5/5". There is also a QR code and a small text box: "Free and discounted subscriptions are available for pupil premium and formerly vulnerable. Contact your school for more information. www.atomlearning.com".

Looking forwards, as explained in the PHSEE and RSE policy, your child will be learning the following content in their PSHEE lessons this term:

- Understand what kinds of touch are acceptable or unacceptable
- Know the correct words for the external male and female sexual organs
- Discuss some of the myths associated with puberty
- Know what menstruation is and why it happens
- Identify some products that they may need during puberty and why

I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this content.