



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 1

Welcome to the first Year 3 newsletter! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. The children have returned refreshed and ready to go; they have made a positive and purposeful start to the new academic year. It was great to see many of you at our information morning on Wednesday, where we shared with you many practicalities about the year ahead, both academic and logistical. As always, please do reach out through our class representatives or the school office as further queries arise.



### What have we explored this week?

Year 3 had their first cookery session of the year. As mentioned on Wednesday, we are requesting parents to send in a plastic Tupperware container whenever these lessons take place. We will aim to give you plenty of warning through these letters. Please also refer to the blackboard by the school gate.

In English, we began learning our new model text - 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We also completed a cold task based on a transformation of a character, which aligns with the text. We have enjoyed reading the holiday diaries that many of the children completed over the break.

The academic year often begins with place value in Maths. This year is no different! We have used number lines to show our understanding of this as well as concrete materials.

There are many new things about this year but one new aspect the children are enjoying is the different set-up at lunchtime. The children are enjoying lining up, selecting their lunches and serving themselves salad to accompany their hot food.

### Things to Remember

- Please find attached the slideshow we presented on Wednesday to parents. This presentation includes class timetables, curriculum and homework information.
- This weekend's English homework is given in an English homework book. This can be found in the children's folders.
- We discussed the arrangements for kit, Games and Gym during this meeting. Please note that we have our *Beginning of Year Service* for all pupils of our community on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September** at St Mary Abbots Church. Therefore, for **this Tuesday only, Year 3 need to wear full school uniform to school** with Games kit in a kit bag for them to change into when we return to school. Thank you.
- 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.