



# ST JAMES

Preparatory School

## Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 2

Tuesday's *Beginning of Year Service* was a joyful occasion. It was a treat to come together as a community and to hear the beautiful singing from our choir. We were especially proud of the Year 3 pupils who were part of that choir, which went all the way up to the very oldest pupils in the senior schools! All of the children represented themselves beautifully and marvelled at the grandeur of St Mary Abbots Church.



### What have we explored this week?

In Maths, we have continued the topic of *Place Value* by using number lines. We learned new vocabulary such as 'integer' and 'interval'. The children enjoy using advanced terminology when discussing their ideas.

In English, we have been learning the model text 'The Great Kapok Tree'. The children have been deepening their understanding of the text by 'exploding' some of the more complex key vocabulary in that text, by analysing the meaning, sounds, rhyme and then constructing sentences.





### Things to Remember

- This weekend's English homework is given in the *English Reading CGP* book (orange and white). The children have been asked to complete the second part of the comprehension activity we set last week. The text can be found on pages 4-5, and they must answer question set 2 on pages 8-9.
- 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! Reading book changes will occur as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3J	3PW	3J	3PW	3J & 3PW

- Library sessions will take place every week on a Thursday (3J) or a Friday (3PW). Mrs Kourtis will lead a session with them in our wonderful new library and give them an opportunity to renew or loan books to take home.
- Just as a reminder, please find below the homework timetable for this year. We will do our very best to stick to this, but we may occasionally need to deviate from it in case of trips and events - or react to curriculum needs.

This was the case this week due to our service on Tuesday (no Sanskrit homework) and us learning the model-text for English throughout the week, in addition to the usual homework pattern.

### Homework - for Autumn term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling	Sanskrit (15 mins.)	Maths	Sanskrit (15 mins.)	English (Writing/Comp)
Reading	Reading + TTRS	Reading	Reading + TTRS	Reading + TTRS