



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 3

Year 3 are loving their Games sessions and we are enjoying the enthusiasm and energy that they bring! Their understanding and appreciation of netball is developing, and they are really having a *good-go* in cross-country with many of our children completing two laps of the field - a brilliant achievement this week!

We enjoyed an informative assembly on Tuesday, where we learned about our new charity initiative and many of the Year 3 pupils are excited at the prospect of supporting 'Under One Sky'. Congratulations to Liza, Amaya, Marnie and Devaditya who were elected to represent their cohort in this year's charity committee. Details of our first initiative are found at the end of this letter.

What have we explored this week?

In Maths, we continued the topic of *Place Value* by comparing and ordering numbers. The children are impressing us with their progress and delighting us with their enthusiasm!

In English, we have continued learning the model text, 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We really do appreciate the support that you give your child at home with learning the model text as this is an important aspect of our writing units. We also created 'character onions' which involves thinking deeply about a character so that they are believable and meaningful. This weekend's English homework is based on 'character onions'.

In our *Health and Movement* Science topic, the children enjoyed researching animals on Kiddle: where their animal lives, what they eat, and how they hunt/find their food. They will present their findings to the class and their work will be made into a class-book for our class-room libraries.

In History, we have enjoyed learning about the Ancient Egyptians and what life was like back then around the River Nile. The children also attempted to write their names in hieroglyphics.



Things to Remember

- This weekend's English homework is given on a work-sheet. The children have been asked to create a 'character onion' based on a character they 'met' in their Philosophy lessons. Although we have recommended these characters, the children are welcome to explore a different character in a story that they are enjoying at home.
- 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 get in touch via the school-office.
- Please ensure you are listening to your child **read aloud** as much as possible - ideally on a daily basis, filling in the yellow reading record. The children are getting into the routine of only placing their finished reading book and reading record into the tray in class when it needs changing! Reading book changes will occur as follows:

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

- We will have our first *Show and Tell* session next Thursday, 3 October during our *Enrichment* afternoon. Your child will need to prepare a short speech or poem to share with the class. All items brought into school must please be small and non-precious.
- Our *Harvest Festival* is next Thursday, 3 October and this year, we will be collecting for our new school charity, *Under One Sky*. More information about the wonderful work that is done for London's homeless may be found here: [Homepage – Under One Sky \(underoneskytogether.com\)](http://underoneskytogether.com) The following items (which do not need to be new but must be usable) will be greatly appreciated:



Winter hats	Soup
Gloves	Travel-size tooth-paste
Scarves	Travel-size shampoo & conditioner
Sleeping bags	Soap
Blankets	Socks
Pillows	Shoes
Tracksuit tops and bottoms	Non-perishable food items
Coats	
Jackets	

