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Preparatory School

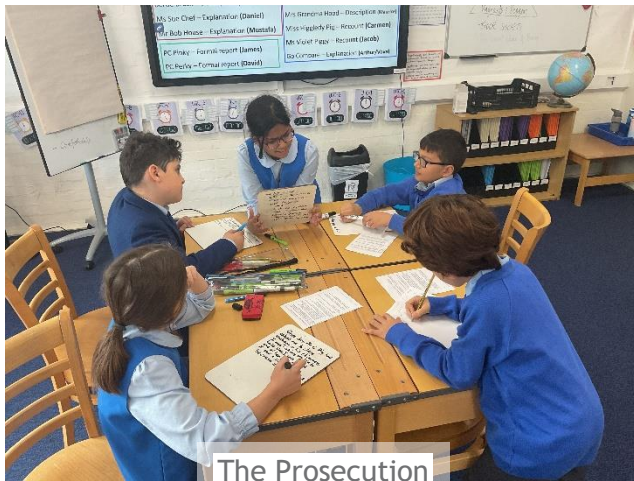
Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 9

This week in Year 5

We have had a great time celebrating Anti-Bullying Week this week, culminating in Odd Socks Day today to highlight the importance of celebrating difference. Year 5 spent lunchtime with their Y1 buddies today and then had a crafting activity together in the afternoon. In their PSHE lesson earlier in the week, the children wrote poems around the themes of empathy, bullying, and choosing respect.

Our new writing focus this half term is *balanced arguments*. The topic was launched with a mock trial based on the story of the three little pigs (is Mr C. Pig guilty of attempting to murder Mr B.B. Wolf?!) which the children have loved preparing for and then role-playing.

We have continued to work on fractions in Maths this week and have moved onto adding fractions with the same denominators and different denominators. We have also revised how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, as well as expressing fractions in their simplest terms.



Children in 5E work together to prepare for their court case:
Mr C. Pig vs Mr B.B. Wolf!

Things to Remember

- We are pleased to be launching ClassDojo for parents as a way of enabling quick communication between home and school. Please do read Mrs Wyatt's last week's newsletter which has specific guidance about when to use ClassDojo to communicate and when an email to the school office is more appropriate. To connect to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CHQL6R8>

ClassDojo is also used to award and tally house points, so you will now be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

- **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs):** You have the opportunity to book a 20-minute meeting with Mr Edwards to discuss your child's progress so far this term. Year 5's meetings are being held next week on Wednesday 20th November. Please book your appointment if you haven't already on SchoolCloud via this link: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Next week, children in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to take part in the Primary Maths Challenge. For any children wanting to practise beforehand, past papers can be found here:
<https://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk/downloads>

Please remember that the challenge is voluntary, and it is a difficult paper. However, all children who participate will receive a certificate of participation. Children who are very successful will have the chance to progress to the bonus round!