



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 5 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 11

This week in Year 5

It has been another beautiful day to end another lovely week at St James. The class had a particularly 'arty' Wednesday as they spent some of the morning with Mrs Fischel creating clay tiles. Later, in the afternoon, we got into character as *Michael* from our class reader, Kensuke's Kingdom. We used 'octopus ink' (black paint) and water to create images themed around what we have read in the book, including lots of jellyfish!

In English this week the children have been working hard on elaborating key points. This means writing with more depth, which requires planning and then checking. In Maths, we have been continuing to focus on fractions, including subtracting and word problems.

Over the last few weeks, the children have been creating their own 3D game in ICT lessons. I have been really impressed by the creativity as they consider what to use for the background, walls and ceiling, as well as the 'baddies' and rewards that a player needs to navigate when playing.



Children in 5E during their extra Art lesson.



Clay tiles made by 5E.

Things to Remember

- The Christmas Market is on Sunday 1st December 12pm to 4pm.
- The next Performance Tea is on Wednesday 4th December. You can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KtR46pZ8ac>
- Book Look is on Monday 9th December from 8am until 8:45am.
- In a change to previous communication, **Wednesday 11th December is Christmas Lunch**. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on that day and bring in hats to wear for lunch.
- The Christmas Carol Service is on Thursday 12th December at St Mary's Kensington at 9:15am. There will be refreshments for parents in the Courtyard from 8:15am. Children to be in full school uniform, please.
- Term ends at 11:30am on Friday 13th December.