



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 10

What have we explored this week?



We were extremely proud of the children on Monday! They thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the British Museum and came back to school buzzing with insight and excitement having seen so many incredible artefacts up close. We look forward to continuing with our *River Nile* topic this term.



In Maths, we continued with *Multiplication and Division*. We have reminded the children about the importance of regular practice at home on their recall of their times tables. The online platform, *Times Tables Rockstars* is a fun way of including this as part of their Tuesday and Thursday homework. Some children also completed the Primary Maths Challenge, and we were impressed by the knowledge and skill they showed!



In English, we continued learning our model text-map, 'Why Dragons Are Afraid of Mice'. We analysed new and familiar vocabulary from the text and discussed how we might use them in our writing.

Despite the soggy weather conditions on Tuesday, the children enjoyed playing football at King's House - and on Thursday, our swimming lesson at Virgin Active, Fulham saw lots of splashes and smiles!

Things to Remember

- We are excited for our *St Andrew's Book Festival* class-trip on **Wednesday 27th November** to St Columba's Church. The school will provide a packed-lunch. Please may your child come to school in their uniform, with water-bottle and rain-coat in a bag - as well as an (optional) healthy, nut-free snack to supplement their lunch. We will depart at 11am and return to school in time for the final two afternoon lessons, followed by clubs and normal dismissal time.

- This weekend's English homework can be found in their purple home-work books. The children have been asked to plan an explanation text about why trolls are afraid of sheep and to continue learning the model text.

- 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.

- If you have not yet connected to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

3J: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CUSXZAK>

3PW: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CZ69S2Q>

As well as being a way of enabling quick communication between home and school, ClassDojo is used to award and tally house points, so you will be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

You do not need to sign up for the paid 'Plus' version of Class Dojo.

- 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.

- Thursday 12th December is also Christmas Lunch. Children are welcome to bring in Christmas jumpers and hats to wear after the Carol Service.

- Term ends at 11:30am on Friday 13th December.

- 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. *Oxford Reading Buddy* login details have also been stuck in their spelling books.