



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 11

#### What have we explored this week?



The children arrived back at school full of stories and excitement after Wednesday's author talk at the St Andrew's Book Festival. Mike Nicholson's talk about his book 'Museum Mystery Squad' was so entertaining and many of the children were excited to meet a real-life author!

In Maths, we continued with *Division*. We looked at our understanding of the link between multiplication and division, using inverse relationships to help us. The online platform, *Times Tables Rockstars* is a fun way of helping them with this, as part of their Tuesday and Thursday homework.

In English, we completed a comprehension activity on our model text, looking at how to answer in full sentences and explain our ideas in more depth. We then looked at synonyms, using higher-level vocabulary to make our non-fiction more interesting.

All the children enjoyed their Football session at Kings House. We are very fortunate to benefit from Mrs Hithersay's coaching in these sessions. Some pupils took part in an informal fixture against Year 4 pupils at Kew College. They showed great determination and resilience!



### Things to Remember

- This weekend's English homework can be found in their purple home-work books. The children have been asked to answer questions based on the book they are reading at home. Many thanks for all that you do to support your child's love of reading!
- The Christmas Market is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 12pm to 4pm.
- The next *Musical Performance Tea* is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. You can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KtR46pZ8ac>
- *Book Look* is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 8am until 8:45am.
- Thank you and well done to 3PW's parents who have all signed up to Class Dojo! 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.**

- In a change to previous communication, **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Children and staff have been asked to make 500 Christmas cards for our Under One Sky homeless friends. It does not matter whether the cards are hand-made or store bought, as it will be the messages inside that count. The salutation should read, 'Dear Friend,' followed by a positive message of hope and peace - and close with a first name. Completed cards should please be returned to class teachers by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please.
- 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.