



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 12

What have we explored this week?

We're getting into the festive mood in Year 2, starting off with making our own pomander balls. We were learning about the Christian celebration, Christingle. The decorative elements on the orange are symbolic. The red ribbon represents the love God has for all people and it is wrapped around the orange the way God's love is felt all around the world.

When making our pomander balls we spoke about how cloves are often symbolic of warmth and that this could represent the warmth of those we love and spend time with during the festive season. Of course, we had to enjoy some Christmas songs while we worked, pushing the cloves in to form patterns. I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fragrance of our pomander balls in your home!







Wow, proud doesn't begin to describe how we felt watching the Year 2s star in the Nativity performance! They were absolutely fantastic, and I am so, so impressed with all their hard work learning their lines, projecting their voices and being brave up in front of an audience! I had so many staff members comment on how professional they looked up there.

Things to remember

- Book Look is on Monday 9th December from 8am until 8:45am.
- **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.**
- 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 9th December, please.
- Children need to play 2 x 5 minute sessions per week on Times Tables Rock Stars on "garage mode".
- If you have any questions or would like to inform me of anything, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office (office@stjamesprep.co.uk) or at the end of the day.