



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 12

What have we explored this week?

We were fortunate enough to watch a dress-rehearsal of the Nativity this week. We were thrilled and enchanted by the performance of the younger pupils, and it put us in a festive mood!

A huge *Well Done!* to those children who performed in Wednesday afternoon's Music Tea. These informal concerts are a great introduction to public performance, and we were thrilled with the enthusiasm and talent on show.

In Maths, we have continued with *Multiplication and Division* by further developing the children's understanding of inverse operations using multiples of 2, 3, 4 and 8. As they tackle more challenging mathematical questions, they are learning to approach the problems systematically: taking it step-by-step to show their understanding.

In English, we 'Boxed Up' our model text. This process requires us to understand the structure of our text which, in turn, the pupils will follow as they begin planning and then writing their own 'Hot Task' before the end of term.

Mrs Fischel-Bock has been delighted with the creativity and imagination of our Year 3 pupils. They have been using oil pastels to recreate the style of Vincent Van Gogh. Aren't they spectacular?



Things to Remember

- This weekend's English homework can be found in their purple home-work books. The children have been asked to write an explanation to Santa Clause as to why they deserve lots of presents!
- *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.

- **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.
- 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.