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Preparatory School

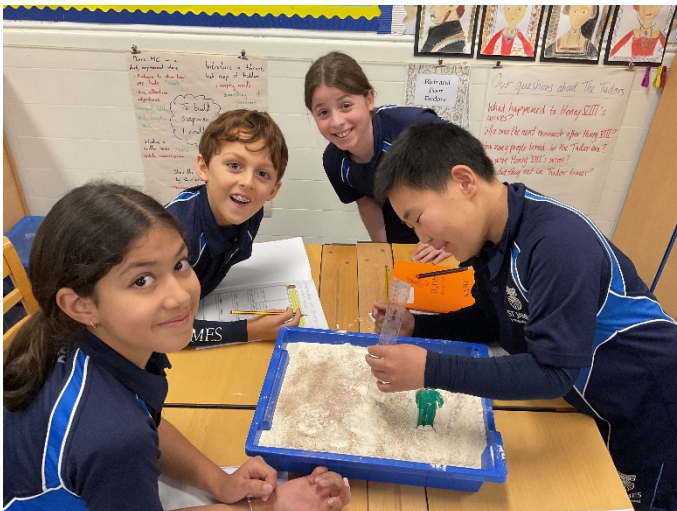
Year 5 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 1

This week in Year 5

Welcome back! The children seemed well rested and delighted to be back at school when they returned last week, all quickly settling into the daily routines.

Our focus in English at the start of this half term is writing an *action scene*. In Maths, the children have been revisiting multiplication, specifically mastering the formal written (column) method, and then applying it to solve word problems.

Having loved learning about the Tudors with Mr Norris last term, the humanities focus now turns to Geography, where the children will be learning all about water, including next week's lesson about how the water cycle works. Our Science topic this half term is *Forces in Action*. The first lesson allowed the class to explore gravity by creating craters - see the photos below! This week we were investigating friction between surfaces.



Y5 children drop various objects into trays of flour to create craters.

Things to Remember

- I don't think I properly said thank you for the gifts I received before the Christmas break. It was touching to read the various Christmas cards from both children and parents, and I really appreciate it, so thank you again.
- Please take a moment to ensure that all of your child's clothes and belongings are **labelled** with their name. The children often misplace things or take something that is not theirs by accident, and these incidents can be resolved much more quickly when items are labelled.
- Houses Feel Good Friday - Friday 24th January

On Friday 24th January, we will be having our first Feel Good Friday of 2025 with a colourful houses theme!

All children in the Prep School are invited to come to school in their house colour - no uniform! They should bring a donation of £1 or more to our school charity for the year - Under One Sky - if they would like to come in non uniform. Donations of hats, scarves, coats and gloves are also warmly welcomed for Under One Sky.

Reminder: **Canterbury is green**, **Salisbury blue** and **Winchester red**.

We will also be having the first 'Great Houses Bake Off' and all children are invited to bake something in their house colour. If they want to take part, children should bake 3 small cupcakes/cookies/biscuits in their house colour. These should have no nuts and a clearly labelled list of allergens, along with their name and class on a label.

All entries will get 10 house points and the winners for each house and overall will get lots more!

On the day, the children will also be having a playtime with their house and having a house meeting.

We are looking forward to celebrating together!