

ST JAMES

Preparatory School

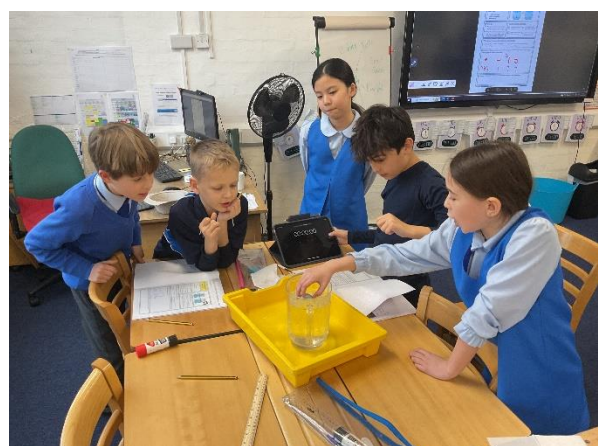
Year 5 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 4

This week in Year 5

It's been another wonderful week here at St James. In Maths, the children have revisited fractions. In particular, we have been multiplying fractions by integers and finding fractions of an amount.

In English this week, we spent some time looking closely over recent comprehension exercises, especially using evidence from the text to support answers. The children also considered how well-chosen verbs can add nuance and detail when writing.

The class have really enjoyed our hands-on Science lessons as we continue to explore forces in action. Last week the children designed helicopter spinners, with the challenge of getting them to take as long as possible to hit the ground. This week we investigated water resistance by dropping different shaped lumps of Blu Tack into water and seeing what effect the shape had on the rate they fell.



Y5 Scientists investigating air and water resistance.

Things to Remember

- Our *Spring Bulb Competition* has launched! Children are encouraged to grow a bulb (or 2) at home and bring them in to school on Wednesday, 12 March when the first round of judging will take place. There are plenty of house-points and 'Green Thumb' certificates to be won - happy growing and good luck!
- 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.
- Save the Date: On the afternoon of Friday 14th of February the school will be holding Grandparents and Special Friends Afternoon. Details will follow soon but, in the meantime, please save the date!