



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 6 Newsletter: Spring, Week 4

What have we explored this week?

This week, we began to investigate numbers to one billion (an expectation of KS3 mathematics) and over the next few weeks, we will be focusing on using powers of 10 and concepts such as range, median, mode and mean.

In Science, the children planned and carried out their own experiments to test whether the length of a wire affects the brightness of a bulb. They thought carefully about making their investigations accurate, fair and reliable.

We began to learn about Buddhist shrines in Religious Studies; the children then went onto create their own collages to be used as focal points for meditation. They chose to incorporate images and words they were drawn to, all of which would encourage them to be their best selves.

The sun finally made an appearance during our Games lesson this week! After last week's downpour, it was great to see their happy faces when running around (even during cross-country)!



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!
- If you have not yet connected to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CHBP987>

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.

- Children must bring their blazers on Fridays.
- Swimming is on Fridays until February 14th. Please ensure the children wear a warm coat to walk to and from the swimming pool.
- 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!