



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 6 Newsletter: Spring, Week 1

#### What have we explored this week?

Year 6 have had a great start to 2025 and it's been lovely to see how well-rested and happy they are in their lessons!

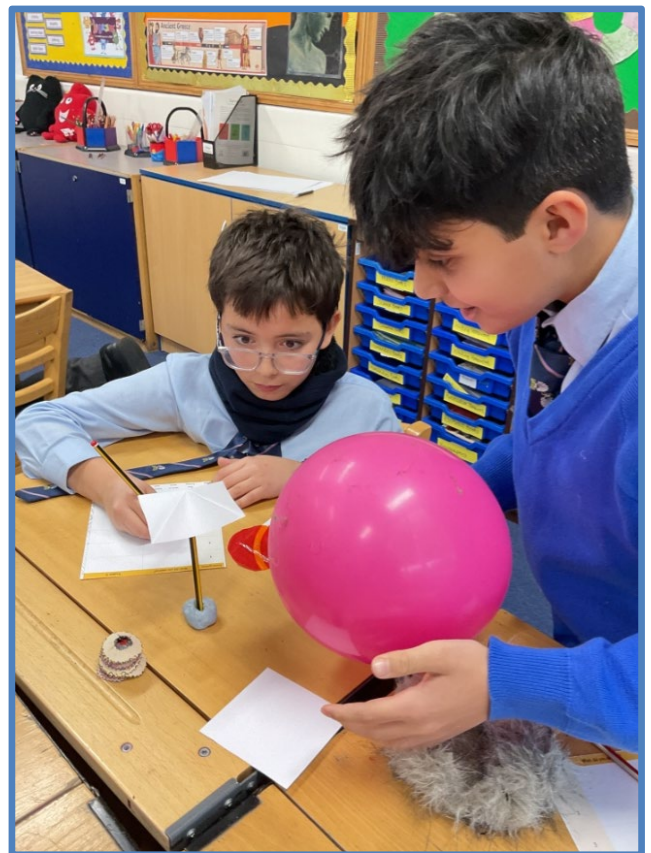
On Monday this week, we began our new History and Geography topic: Ancient Greece! Over the next few weeks, we will be investigating how the Greeks shaped the world we live in as well as having a go at some artistic sculptures and mask-making! The children will be given a home project to complete which will require lots of time and creativity!

On Tuesday, we experienced lots of static electricity in our classroom as the children used balloons and synthetic fur to test out a range of questions.

On Wednesday, the children found out their roles for this year's Shakespeare Festival performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and in Music, they began to practise their song for the Grandparents and Friends Afternoon.

On Thursday, the children grouped into rugby players and football players and had a go at practising their skills for the term. We were so impressed with how many of the children are braving rugby this year!

On Friday, the children got their hands dirty in the kitchen, whipping up a delicious treat to be enjoyed at home. 😊





## Things to Remember

- Houses Feel Good Friday - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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!

- 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 14<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure the children wear a warm coat to walk to and from the swimming pool.