ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 3

What have we explored this week?

Despite the rather grey and gloomy conditions, this week has been full of joy and action!

In Maths, we are continuing our work on multiplication and division, by learning how to divide using remainders. Pupils in Ms Foster's group have been looking at calculating and measuring perimeter.

In English, we have been 'reading as a writer', by exploring our understanding of Grandpa's Teeth. Comprehension and activities linked to use of speech have helped us to broaden our understanding.

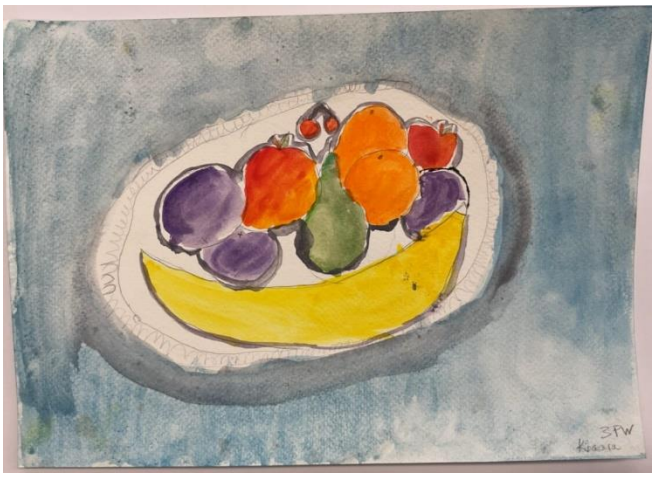
Feel Good Friday was such great fun! The children loved wearing house colours and spending time in a house meeting and at breaktime together. The themed bake off was a great success and many of the creations looked delicious!

In Art, the children have been working on observational drawing. Once again, the pupils have excelled themselves with these drawings of fruit. See examples below!

Amaya 3J

Maryam 3J

Edward 3PW



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Things to Remember

- This weekend's **English homework** can be found in the purple books. The children have been asked to write a short story about losing something, incorporating some of this week's spelling words. The story should take them **no more than 25 minutes** to write.

- Year 3 are **not swimming until after February half term**, so there is no need for them to bring in swimming kit on Thursdays until then. Please note that **Games** on Tuesdays (unless we inform you otherwise) is now starting a little later, which means that if you wish to pick-up your child directly from Kings House at the conclusion of the lesson, please do so **at 3pm**.

- Year 3 are progressing well in **Sanskrit**. At present, for any homework set they are asked to continue systematically with the exercises in their text-books. These exercises allow them to practise what they have been learning in class. They should not spend more than 15 minutes on homework. Parents do not need to help at all. If pupils are finding it difficult, they should have a go and then put it away. The Sanskrit teacher will help the next day. The most important thing is for them to enjoy what they are doing, and to bring their book back to school!

- We have reminded the children that Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) forms part of their weekly homework schedule on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Ms Foster has stipulated that **TTRS must be played in Garage Mode only** for 2 x 5-10 minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms, please do get in touch via the school-office. Login details for this platform and others have been stuck in their spelling books.

- 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.

- Save the Date: In 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!