



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 5 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 7

#### This week in Year 5

It's great to be back after the half term break - the class seem rested and have settled back into school routines seamlessly. I was really impressed by how many children took on the challenge of the holiday homework, either on Atom, Showbie, or both! Thank you for facilitating and encouraging your child's progress during this important period.

In Maths this week we have been looking at statistics, with the pupils exploring different ways to organise, visualise and interpret data. In English, we will be focusing on writing information texts this half term. Our new Science topic is *Properties and Changes of Materials* and in History the class will be learning about the Shang Dynasty, the earliest ruling dynasty of China.

Children in Winchester and Salisbury had a Cookery session before half term, so today it was Canterbury's turn! We also had our first Swimming sessions of the half term today, including a lovely walk there and back in the sunshine!



Y5 and Y6 children enjoying cross-country, rugby, and football at Games!

## Things to Remember

- There will be a Book Look on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 8am to 8:45am**. We look forward to welcoming you into our classroom and sharing our work with you.
- Residential Meeting  
Year 5 parents are invited to come in on **Thursday at 8:30am** where Mr Norris and I will be talking about this year's residential trip to Mendip Activity Centre. If you are unable to attend, I will send out the slides the next day with the newsletter.
- Mrs Cook has asked that all of the children make a real effort to ensure they know their *Twelfth Night* lines as the Shakespeare Festival is just around the corner! The performance for parents is at 9am on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**.
- Year 5 PTIs will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Please follow this link to book your slot: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Our new Librarian, Ms Boekkerink, has asked that children take a photo of themselves reading in either their favourite spot or otherwise a 'crazy' place! These can be brought in physically or emailed to the school office.