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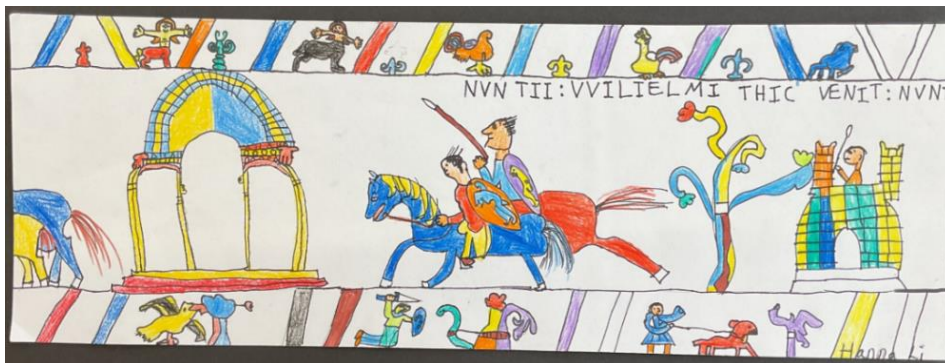
Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 10

What have we explored this week?

We thoroughly enjoyed Friday's trip to Battersea Park's Peace Pagoda. It linked beautifully to our Religious Studies topic of Buddhism and the children represented the school brilliantly, as ever.

In Art, the children have been creating their own versions of the Bayeux Tapestry. As always, we are blown away by the high standard of work they have all shown. Here are a couple of examples by Hanna (3J) and Edward (3PW):



In English, we have all taken part in the school's handwriting competition. We have also continued learning rhetorical questions and created our own questions to draw in the reader.

In Maths, we consolidated fractions, and then began a new unit on measurement which includes using scales to calculate mass, capacity and volume. Ms Foster's group have returned to the topic of fractions, partitioning to find the whole and adding/subtracting fractions.

In History, we have continued learning about the Anglo-Saxons, Picts and Scots. We explored the important work that archaeologists do - and we analysed interesting artefacts found at Sutton Hoo. The children will soon be introduced to Alfred the Great and learn how, overtime, the Viking invaders became more peaceful and settled in the great kingdoms of Mercia, Wessex and East Anglia.

Things to Remember

- We are looking forward to our Easter Service on Tuesday 1st April. Parents can reserve a space here: <https://forms.office.com/e/e6RMkx32mu>. There will be light Easter refreshments available from 8.15am in the Courtyard ahead of the main event at St Mary's West Kensington, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 0QL, starting at 9.15am. This will conclude by 10.15am.
- The Spring Term ends on Wednesday 2nd April at 11:30am.
- The Senior Girls' School has asked the Nursery and Prep children to join forces in donating soup for our local charity, *Under One Sky* (UOS). Boxes of 'Cup a Soup' or similar (but not fresh, already-made soup) are being collected from now until the start of the Easter holiday. The seniors have a plan to use the boxes in the lead up to the school's 50th anniversary - and then they will make their way to those less fortunate than us - those living on the streets of the city we all call home. Thank you for your kind and generous support.
- For this weekend's **English homework**, the children have been asked to create a writing activity based on today's trip to the *Peace Pagoda*. Details can be found in their purple English homework books.
- The pupils have been given a kit list and medical consent form to take home. Please may the medical form be completed, signed and returned to us as before the Easter holidays, so that we can compile the information and forward on any necessary information to New Barn in good time.
- Please ensure that your child has a rainproof coat in school each day, as well as a reusable water-bottle.
- 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 have **swimming lessons this half term** - please ensure they bring in swimming kit on Thursdays until the Easter holidays. If you would like to collect your child from the pool at **3pm**, please let us know at office@stjamesprep.co.uk

- 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!
- Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) forms part of their weekly homework schedule on a Tuesday and a Thursday. **TTRS should 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 listen to your child **read aloud** as much as possible - ideally on a daily basis - and fill in the yellow reading record. *Oxford Reading Buddy* login details are stuck in their spelling books.