



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 3

What have we explored this week?

It has been wonderful to welcome back the children to glorious sunshine! This summer term is full of exciting adventures and activities, which the children are all looking forward to.

We thoroughly enjoyed a morning of fun activities to welcome our 50th anniversary celebrations. All children took part in activities including dance, sport and number-based Maths activities. We look forward to many of you joining us tonight!

In English, we have begun our new fiction unit of portal stories. Our new model text of 'Lucy Through the Wardrobe' may be familiar to you and gives us a great insight into how to create a sense of magic and mystery.

In Maths, we returned to the topic of fractions, looking at how to add and subtract fractions, and how to calculate fractions of amounts. Ms Foster's group have worked on adding and subtracting amounts of money.

In Science, we have enjoyed examining the different parts of a plant, using our improved understanding of how plants grow to analyse the different parts of a plant and how they are pollinated.



Things to Remember

- We are all so excited for our **residential** on Wednesday to Friday next week. Please send your child to school on Wednesday with their bag of belongings (please refer to the kit list), a snack for the Wednesday and in their own clothes. We will return to school in time for pick-up at the usual time on Friday. **If your child requires any medication to take with us, please send this in with your child on Tuesday, for the attention of Matron.**
- Due to this evening's festivities and our upcoming residential, we have not set a formal English homework this long weekend. We would like the children to focus on organising and gathering their own belongings for our trip to Dorset. However, we would encourage them to do plenty of reading and spelling practice as usual!
- Please note that if you wish to pick-up your child directly from Kings House from Games on Tuesdays, please do so **at 2:45pm.**
- Year 3 are not swimming this half term. Swimming lessons will resume in June.
- 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.