



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

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

#### This week in Year 5

It feels like we are hurtling towards the end of the year now that there is less than a month left of Year 5! Thank you so much to those of you who were able to come in on Wednesday morning for our Book Look. The children loved having the opportunity to share what they have been working on at school, and it's lovely for you to be able to see the progress they have made.

This week in English we have continued our focus on the different types of questions that come up in reading comprehensions. We have also spent some time working in small groups to revise a mixture of grammar and punctuation topics. In Maths this week, we have been working on shape, particularly symmetry, as well as negative numbers.

This half term, the children are continuing to learn about UK geography, and this week learned about the hills and mountains of the UK. In Science this week the children learned about sexual reproduction in animals, having mainly considered sexual reproduction in plants up to this point.

Although the rain meant we couldn't get to Kings House on Thursday, it didn't stop Year 5 & 6 having an afternoon of sports at school including games of bullrush (pictured) and kick-rounders!



## Things to Remember

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 5 will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please book your appointment on [SchoolCloud](#).

- **International Week - 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June**

St James will be celebrating our diverse community next week as each class learns about a country during International Week. Our school has children, parents and staff from all over the world and we want to share our cultures, languages, history and stories with each other!

Each class has chosen a country to learn about and will be completing activities connected to that country in their History and Geography time. They are also challenged to decorate their reading corners in a way linked to their chosen country. After a vote, the children in Year 5 chose to learn about Egypt. (So, if you have anything related to Egypt, ancient or modern-day, please do send it in to help decorate our reading corner!)

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, the school are invited to dress in non-uniform in a way connected to a country of their choice - it could be national dress, a sports kit or the colours of a flag - they can decide!

We hope it is a wonderful international celebration!

- We regularly use Atom in school and for homework. If you wish to complete additional work with your child beyond how much school has set or take mock 11+ assessments then please do feel free to purchase an Atom Home account. Please find a discount code below.

Atom Home discount code - **MAYHT25** - 20% off the first month, in addition to a 5 day free trial, as long as this is redeemed by the 8th June.

- Ms Foster will be holding an 11+ 'Drop-in Surgery' on Wednesdays at lunch, between 12:30-13:00. This will be an opportunity for children to informally ask for support and help with any area of the curriculum they would like additional help with in the run up to the 11+.