



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 3 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 7

#### What have we explored this week?

In English, we have begun the process of boxing up our class innovation of a portal story. We will then move onto creating the structure of our own individual stories and writing these as our 'hot task' before the end of term.

In Maths, we have started looking at telling the time. We have looked at how to read the clock in 5 minute intervals and more recently using minutes, with some moving on to using AM and PM. This is a tricky topic and one which the children will continue to revisit throughout school!

In our Philosophy lesson this week, we looked at the concept of 'change'. We discussed positive and negative change, as well as working in groups to discuss why change is important and how we can learn to be resilient to adapt.



3PW loved making trifle this week! The recipe is attached to the bottom of this letter should you wish to make more at home. 3J have their session on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Games on Tuesday saw the start of our Crisp League Cricket Tournament! Our 6 teams (made up of Year 3 and 4 children) include Pringles, Monster Munch, Wotsits, Skips, Twiglets and McCoys. Despite the soggy weather, much fun was had by all!



Thank you so much for the great turn out at our Book Look event this week! We look forward to discussing your child's year at the PTIs next week.



We are delighted to share with you a video slideshow of our trip to New Barn. Please note that this video is not viewable to the public, but only through this link: <https://youtu.be/BFrlmWJ-30o>

### Things to Remember

- For this weekend's **English homework**, the children have been asked to complete a comprehension activity. Some of the children have been asked to continue working in the *English Reading CGP* book (orange and white). They have been asked to complete the **first question set**, based on the text (Alice in Wonderland) which can be found on pages 34-35. They should answer **question set 1 on pages 36-37**. Other children have been given an alternative to ensure that all the children have a homework that is tailored to suit them.
- Parent Teacher Interviews for **3PW** will take place on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June** and for **3J** on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Please book your appointment on [SchoolCloud](#).
- 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 swimming this half-term. If you would like to collect them directly from the pool, please do so at **3:00pm**.
- Parents of Year 3 pupils are invited to join us on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 8:30am** for an informative session on how iPads will enhance learning in Year 4. We'll also share practical guidance on how you can support your child's iPad use at home in a safe and secure way.
- **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.

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!

Year 3 is learning about India

- We are pleased to announce that our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in the *First Maths Challenge* this term. This national challenge provides an excellent introduction to the more advanced *Primary Maths Challenge*, which pupils can participate in during Year 5 and Year 6. The challenge will take place between **Monday 16th June and Friday 27th June**. Although participation is voluntary, we strongly encourage all pupils to take part, as it offers a valuable opportunity to develop problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking. To prepare, we highly recommend that pupils have a go at the past papers available on the official website: [First Maths Challenge Past Papers](#). All children who participate will receive a certificate in recognition of their effort and enthusiasm.
- 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.



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## Strawberry Swirl Trifle

Trifles are an old English pudding made in layers of sponge, jelly, custard, cream and fruit. Our one is just as yummy but much quicker to make and healthier too!

**Makes 1 kiddy pud**



### Ingredients:

2 sponge fingers	2 tsp honey
¼ orange (for juice)	1 heaped tbsp toasted oats
¼ banana, sliced	½ tbsp pumpkin seeds
30ml double cream	About 5-6 strawberries
2 tbsp Greek yoghurt	A few blueberries

### **Method:**

1. Break up sponge fingers and push them down to the bottom of the pot.
2. Squeeze on the orange juice and leave it for a few minutes to soak into the sponge fingers.
3. Whisk the cream until it's floppy-firm, then stir in yoghurt & HALF (1 tsp) honey.
4. Squish 2-3 of the strawberries into the cream and stir them in to make pink swirly bits.
5. Now that the orange juice has made the sponge fingers soft, squish them down to make a compact layer.
6. Put 4-5 slices of banana on top of the sponge fingers, then carefully spoon the strawberry cream on top.
7. Give it a few firm bangs on the table to make sure there are no air bubbles.
8. In a little bowl mix the toasted oats with the pumpkin seeds and rest of the honey, then carefully spoon this on top of the cream.
9. Cut the remaining strawberries into pieces and finish off your splendid trifle with them and a few blueberries.

**It's a T'riffic Trifle!!!!**