ST JAMES
Preparatory School

Year 5 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 5

This week in Year 5

After four wonderful days away in Somerset, it was nice to be back in the classroom this week! That said, we spent most of Tuesday out at the National Gallery. After lunch in Victoria Embankment Gardens, we entered the gallery and headed straight to see some of Van Gogh's most significant works, including 'Sunflowers' and 'Van Gogh's Chair'. Then it was time for our workshop, which was centred around 'movement'. 'Perseus turning Phineus and his Followers to Stone' by Luca Giordano was the work we focused on. The children enjoyed some drawing challenges, and particularly loved creating their own tableaus of the gory scene depicted in the painting!

I have really noticed the children showing a step up in their maturity and attitude to work this term, particularly in verbal and non-verbal reasoning where their diligence during lessons has led to a noticeable improvement in their scores on Atom. The class also showed their maturity on Wednesday morning where, in Year 6's absence, they helped to greet and tour prospective parents during the school's Open Morning. Mrs Wyatt was particularly impressed and has passed on her appreciation.

Y5 children at the National Gallery.

Things to Remember

- Photos from the residential trip to Mendip Activity Centre can be viewed here: Year 5 Mendip Photos 2025

  The password is MendipY5!

- You are invited to come and join us for a 'family lunchtime' in the Refectory next week (either Tuesday 20th May or Thursday 22nd May) so that you can experience what lunchtime is like at St James and sample our delicious food. You can book for your preferred day via SchoolCloud.

- There will be a Book Look for all classes on Wednesday 4th June at 8am

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 5 will take place on Thursday 12th June. Please book your appointment on SchoolCloud.