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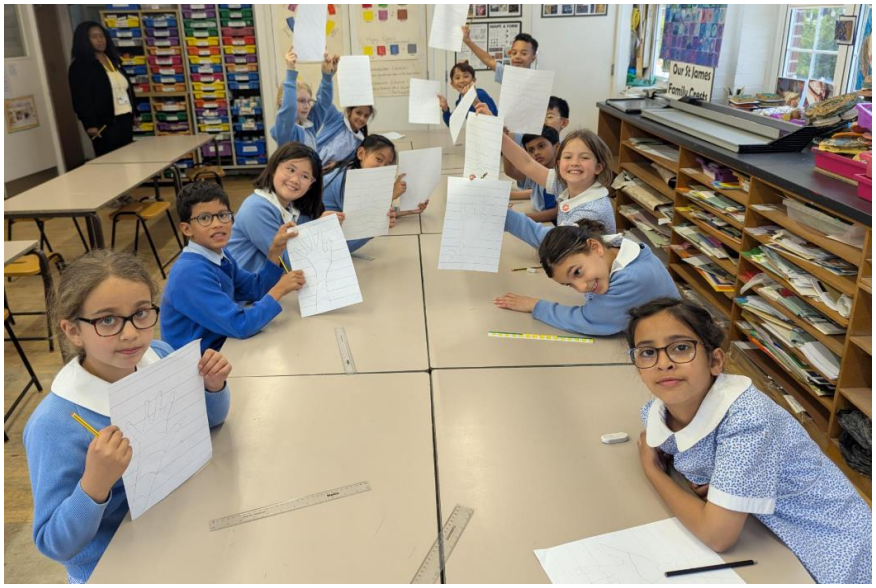
Preparatory School

Year 3 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 6

What have we explored this week?



In English, we continued our English unit by looking at the vocabulary within our model text, as well as building our writing toolkit to bring our settings to life. We also then wrote a recount of our residential trip to Dorset.

In Maths, we continued with the topic of money, learning how to give change. Some have moved on to the topic of time, with Ms Foster's group learning about telling time to the nearest minute.

In French, we concluded our unit of work on family. Mr Jones has been impressed with the way the children have begun learning the vocabulary related to different members of the family and when to use masculine or feminine articles (mon or ma) to describe them.

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/BFrImWJ-30o

We would like to wish you all a happy, safe and restful mid-term break. We have spoken to the children about a few activities they could complete over the break, but we are also keen for the children to enjoy a rest and return reinvigorated! Details of these activities can be found below.

Things to Remember

- Over Half Term, we have encouraged the children to use the week's break to complete lots of reading, both aloud and using Oxford Reading Buddy. We have also promoted Times Tables Rockstars as part of this week's learning, as many of the children have not used this for some time.

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

- Parent Teacher Interviews for **3PW** will take place on **Monday 9th June** and for **3J** on **Friday 13th June**. Please book your appointment on SchoolCloud.

- Year 3 are progressing well in Sanskrit. At present, for any homework set they are asked to continue systematically with the exercises in their textbooks. 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 the Year 3 weekly homework schedule on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Ms Foster has asked that **TTRS 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 ensure you are listening to your child **read aloud** as much as possible – ideally daily, filling in the yellow reading record. *Oxford Reading Buddy* login details have also been stuck in their spelling books.

A note about PSHEE

To coincide with our PSHEE topic of 'Changing Me' over the next half term, we will also be discussing the NSPCC's Talk PANTS rules in our lessons. During these discussions we will aim to teach our children the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. These are the PANTS rules:

P: Privates are private.

A: Always remember your body belongs to you.

N: No means no.

T: Talk about secrets that upset you.

S: Speak up, someone can help.

The lessons empower children, in an age-appropriate way, to recognise their rights to their own bodies, say no to touch that is unwanted, and tell someone if they feel uncomfortable. The lessons include activities which help children understand:

- Appropriate and inappropriate touch
- Their right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- The names for parts of the body
- Who to turn to if they ever feel upset or worried

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at:
nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.