

## SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION

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### LIBRARY VISITS

As has been tradition at St James & St John, all the pupils have been making half-termly visits to the Paddington Children's Library on Queensway.

Visiting a library is an activity that has changed over the years. Libraries have become more technology-based and the days of drawers and drawers of catalogue cards have melted away into electronic boxes that read all the stored digital information on books so that we don't even really need to scan them when returning or borrowing.

What has not changed, however, is the importance of knowing that there is a place to go and enjoy the comfort or sheer exhilaration of the stories and information of the countless books on library shelves.

The staff at Paddington Children's Library are keen supporters of developing a true love of reading, whether it be for pleasure or

education and this year, so far, classes have engaged in the learning of:

- information about the development of some of the bridges in London;
- the delivery of poems in both lyrical and slam styles;
- the ways in which London has changed in time to make links to other parts of the country such as Norfolk and Lincolnshire; and,
- the importance of both recognising Remembrance and the celebration of difference during recognition of The Armistice and Black History Month.

The children are also afforded the opportunity to borrow books from a library outside of their personal, class and school collections.

If you would like further information regarding the services provided by Paddington Children's Library, please visit the Westminster City Council website.

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/library-opening-hours-and-contact-details>

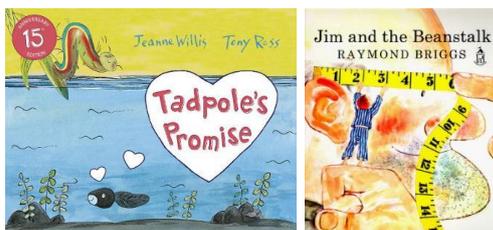
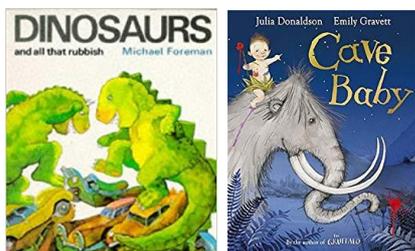


## LITERACY TREE

In continuing to refine and develop the curriculum at St. James & St. John, this year has seen the introduction of the Literacy Tree units, which embed the use of high-quality texts into the teaching of writing.

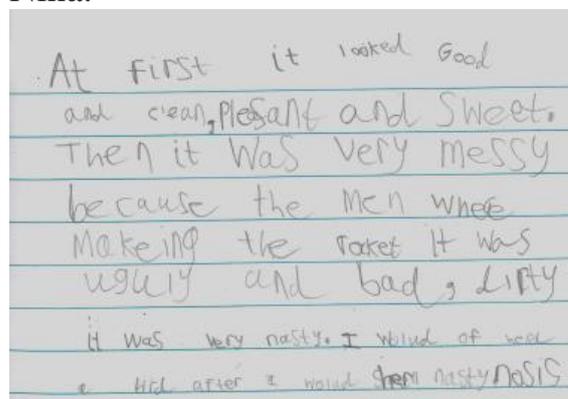
Classes across Key Stages 1 and 2 have been learning from different texts, which have been linked to their cross-curricular topics, to help learn from and be inspired by the works of other authors.

The books, in Key Stage 1, we have been studying include:

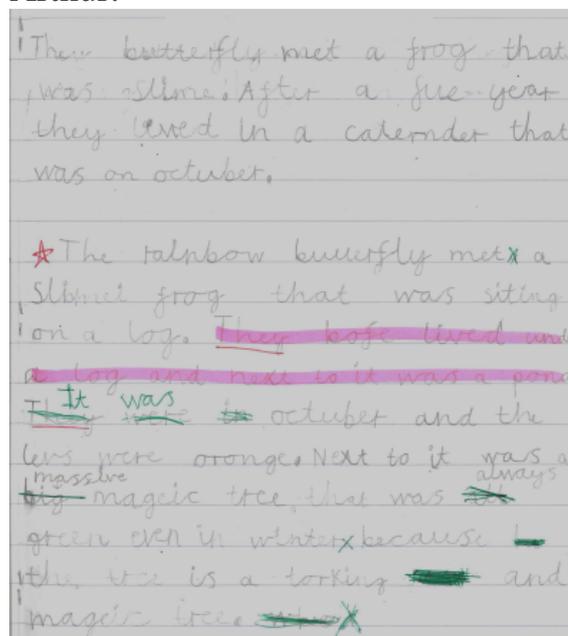


Following, are some samples of the examples of work published by students this year:

Nina:



Arthur:



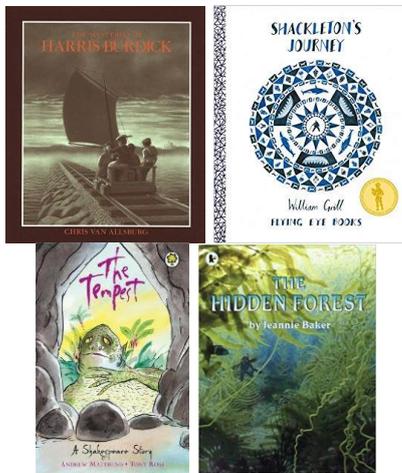
The books, in Key Stage 2, we have been studying include:

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a better chance of survival. We shall be able to find the  
the wooden pieces of the wrecked Endeavour. However, we will  
have to shoot moose dogs that could of helped us complete our  
mission. Despite this, it might be worth it and we ~~might~~ we  
could get to Elephant Island without suffering the worst way.  
The most telling thing is we might be the first to set foot on  
onto the island!

However, some might argue that we should find another iceberg  
and use our useless books to make a fire. Although the dogs  
would of died in a horrible in this plan they would die in  
a peaceful way.

I patiently wait for your final decision.

Charles Green

Samuel:

The Dad had a letter but it wasn't an ordinary letter  
it was a medical letter. If you shake it like there  
is children or objects with aspects.  
"What's that Dad?" asked the young boy.  
"It's a letter of all the ships that exist west on sea"  
But you know about the letter and a ship different ship  
sailed with a ship that really should be long ago and has  
so escaped he was about to get into the water that time you  
like a ghost zombie ghost. I will kill any one person in the world has  
given it the name of Jack Sparrow.  
"Can we go?" The young girl or R.U.N.I.I. started the Dad  
"No do we walk maybe they will take of it something good" said the boy.  
"Can we go?" Dad asked the boy.  
"Yes, yes my mind says to sail the men."  
The Dad was the honest. It wasn't just about a ship  
that ship was a ghost. They were headed for the ocean police.  
They obviously like Jack Sparrow they got the killing people. I could  
small some sort of a purple spirit. Maybe in that ship they had  
parties for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They got and half of them  
were zombies half of them were ghosts of the past. The Dad was doing something  
you don't normally get around here. They The Dad was doing something  
something. Unless he was just standing there watching the ghost die  
and he looking being careful. The boy was just watching the ghost die  
more unless the man they were going to find them. But he wouldn't give  
up.  
"Dad we might have to go and you know deal with them" said the boy.  
"Yeah but the sea is dangerous" explained the Dad.  
"High five" said the boy.

Lukas:

Dear Ding,

\*change? I was just excited! The next beautiful day of my life. I was just  
about to get the next beautiful storm in history. I was having a nap when  
out of the foggy mist, a rising storm emerged and raged at the coast,  
making the day our boat to the dipper as a killer wave. Luckily  
I saw and the others managed to stop the boat from being crushed by the  
mist but as soon as our boat crashed into a dangerous rock all  
everyone on board kept on with the unknown sea...

We have just arrived on the island next to the rock, rock of us  
smart but some floated ~~off~~ wine barrels.

Brooke:

Dear Mrs E. Archer,

I am writing to inform you about the drastic disappearance  
of the Tasmanian sea kelp. Since the beginning of 2012, the  
kelp of your country had become endangered due to rising changes  
to sea pollution, climate change and rock lobsters. While most  
of these affects are ~~unchangeable~~ <sup>unavoidable</sup>, we can decrease the amount  
of pollution created. By the year 2013, only 5% of the  
original kelp was left. The main reason ~~for~~ <sup>is</sup> this is because  
of rock lobsters. Rock lobsters are miniature sea creatures  
that are known for their diets of sea urchins and fish  
of the like. Sea urchins are ~~creatures~~ <sup>creatures</sup> that are often found  
in giant kelp forests. This is because their diets are mainly  
made up of sea kelp and seaweed. However in between the  
years 2012 and 2013, there had been a sudden increase on  
the amount of rock lobsters caught. This decreases the amount of  
kelp by 20% ~~still~~ <sup>due</sup> to the decrease of rock lobsters.

Fantastic paragraph  
Sea pollution is affecting sea kelp <sup>as</sup> since it is full of  
bacteria and dirt. Kelp is deeply affected by this since it  
is used to clear, cold water. This also affects the sea creatures  
for all the same reasons. Have you realized that almost 30%  
of the large range of sea life has decreased due to the  
shortage of giant sea kelp?

Irini:

Dear Mr Shackleton,

I have written to you for I am rather worried about  
the decisions facing our crew. In fact I am ~~so~~ anxious  
about lots of things including if we shall ever find shelter  
and food, but most of all I am concerned about if we  
shall have or not. From my point of view I ~~do~~ don't know  
if we should have or not.

I think we should depart because we have

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Man kind's actions also affect the ecosystem of giant sea kelp forests. Fishing, boat oil and pollution of the ocean are all caused due to our selfish actions. Kelp, greenlings, rock fish and horn sharks are all usually found in giant kelp forests. However in the past year almost half of the population of fish have disappeared!

disappeared  
If these effects do not change by 2020, all Tasmanian kelp will be gone... As the Tasmanian minister of the environment, I do not think that would be a positive effect on your popularity. I may just be a young child, but that does not mean I can't can not be concerned about these environmental issues. Thank you for your time, I am eager for your reply.

Yours sincerely,  
Brooke E. Scamell

Tickets will be selling until the day of the movie screenings or until they are sold out.

We are holding our film night to raise money for playground equipment for our children to play with during break and lunch times. We hope to see you on the night!

Thank you, Constantinos

### STUDENT COUNCIL

#### FILM NIGHT

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, we will be hosting a cinema night for our KS1 & KS2 children.

For our KS1 children (Years 1 and 2), the movie will start at 4:30 pm and will end at 5:30 pm.

For our KS2 children, the movie will start at 6:00 pm and will end at 8:00pm.

There will be refreshments being sold during both movies, such as drinks, popcorn and other snacks, so please ensure that your child brings money so that they are able to buy refreshments if they would like them.

There will be 50 tickets for sale for each movie and tickets will start selling for £1 each on the playground from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

#### BOOK FAIR

Next week brings about another chance for children to purchase new books for their own book collections as the school will be hosting a visiting Book Fair. The Fair will be staffed by teachers on afternoons from Monday to Thursday. For further information please refer to the brochure sent home last week or speak to the office or Mr Pearson.

#### MAD PADDINGTON CHRISTMAS PLAY 2018

Another of the extra-curricular groups, which some of our students participate in, is the Music And Drama (MAD) Paddington group.

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Their performance of Nigel Haynes' and Barbara Höfling's 'Rudolph' will take place:

at

St James & St John Primary School

4 Craven Terrace

W2 3QD

on

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

at

6:30pm.

If you would like to come and experience the joy and wonder of their Christmas production, in which Isaac VITAMIN Baptiste's Streetdance Group will also be participating, then please contact Ursula E Pohl using the details below.

There is no charge but donations are welcome as this helps continue the group, which is kindly supported by the German YMCA and other private donors.

[ursula.e.pohl@verymagazine.org](mailto:ursula.e.pohl@verymagazine.org)

T: 07403192282

Having seen great past productions put on by this group, it is safe to say that it is a nice way to spend an evening, particularly as the weather starts to turn and the season becomes more 'Christmas-y'!

**School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2018/2019 Academic Year**

**AUTUMN TERM**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

PFA Christmas Market

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

EYFS Christmas Show for parents

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Show for Parents  
10am and 2pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Whole School Nativity Service  
St. John's Hyde Park 10am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Last Day of term  
School closes to children at 1:30pm

**Christmas Holiday**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**SPRING TERM**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

First day of the spring term  
THIS IS NOT AN INSET DAY