

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER



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This Week at James Dixon



On Thursday all children from Year 2 to Year 6 travelled to church together. This has been an annual tradition for our school for over 16 years!



End of Autumn Term



Just a little reminder that school finishes at **2.00pm** on Friday 20th December.

Please make arrangements for your child to be collected on time.



The Spring Term starts on Monday 6th January 2025. Learning starts at 8.30am

Pupil Leadership



Hi JD. This week was amazing. Number one we had two days of wearing our christmas jumpers, it was so much fun. Number two we went to the church on Thursday, I really enjoyed it. Well done to the people who sang the solo (Anne and Eliza). We have also had Christmas dinner which was so nice. Thank you for reading! See you next week bye.

Ok, I'm going to be straight with you, last week was boring - all I did was tests! You do way more tests in year 6 than you do in any other years so get prepared. However, this week was a banger we got to have two jumper days and go to church! Anyways Bye!



Hi JD, last week year six had their mock SATS but this week has been brilliant! On Thursday we went to the church, well done to the people who sang the solo (Anne and Eliza) and on Friday we had JUMPER DAY and you all looked amazing. We also had our Christmas Dinner.



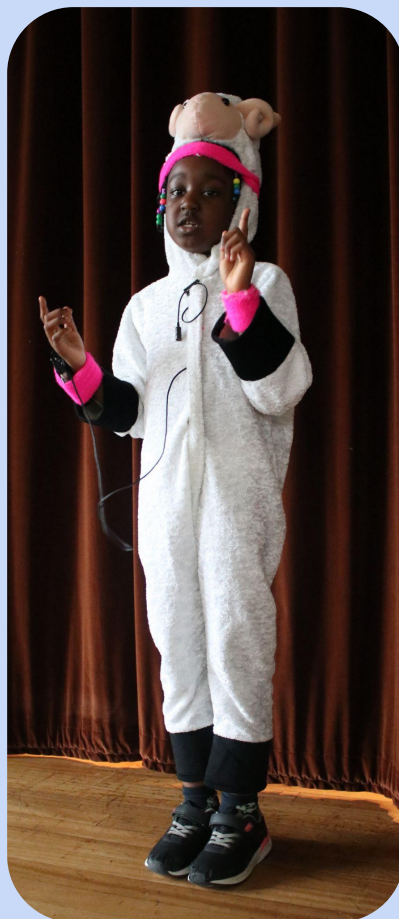


Supersonic Performers

Our KS1 children shone brightly in their recent performance of 'The Supersonic Lamb' their hard work and dedication truly paid off, we were really proud of them all.



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support. A supersonic time was had by all!



Curious about Christmas



On Wednesday our Reception children shared their very first performance. They were an absolute delight and brought smiles to faces of their very proud parents and carers.



A Traditional Christmas



On Thursday children in Years 2 to 6 walked down the road to Anerley Christ Church to perform a traditional nativity directed by Emanuella, Year 6. The children walked in 'Mes Amis' classes (younger children with older children)

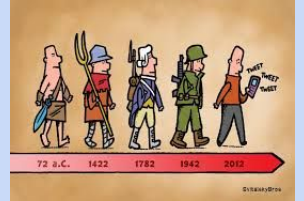
The children sang a mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas songs with solos by Elizabeth and Anne.

A huge thank you to Reverend Richard and the team at Anerley Christ Church for making us so welcome.



Curriculum Focus - History

History at James Dixon Primary



AT JAMES DIXON, WE TEACH HISTORY THROUGH A SCHEME CALLED PRIMARY KNOWLEDGE CURRICULUM (PKC) WHICH FOCUSES ON KNOWLEDGE RICH AND PROGRESSIVE LEARNING.

CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT A RANGE OF UNITS THROUGHOUT THEIR TIME AT THE SCHOOL, EACH UNIT BUILDING ON THE NEXT THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR WITH A CLEAR PROGRESSION OF KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

UNITS COVER CHILDREN'S KNOWLEDGE OF TOPICS SUCH AS EMPIRE, MONARCHY AND POLITICS

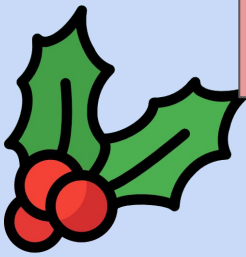
I like History because you get to learn about people that you may be related to like our ancestors
Jwana

I like history because you get to learn about the History of different countries.
Asiyah

Sustainability

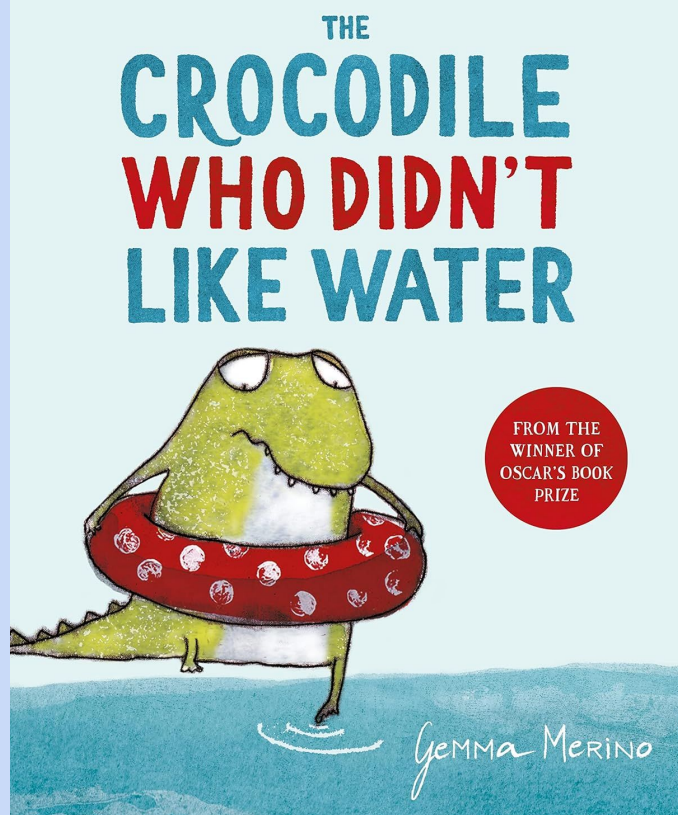
Think Quality not quantity

Around half of UK adults say they have received gifts they don't want at Christmas. When buying gifts, think *less but better*. Put time into picking a quality item that will last, and be loved, for a long time. Gifting an experience for your loved ones will help to reduce demand for physical resources. This will help to reduce your Christmas footprint. A more wallet-friendly alternative is to gift a homemade coupon book, donating your time to help babysit, or plan a day out. Purchase one quality gift, rather than lots of cheaper, disposable or poor-quality items.



Book Recommendation

The Crocodile Who Didn't Like Water is a charming and humorous book which story follows a little crocodile who, unlike his siblings, doesn't enjoy swimming or splashing around in water. However, in a twist of fate, he discovers his true identity and embraces his special abilities. This heartwarming tale celebrates individuality and encourages children to accept their differences and embrace their unique qualities. It's a perfect book to share sparking conversations about self-acceptance, friendship, and the joy of being different.



Composition of the Week!



Click here to listen!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uaXYnK3dHYw>

Sigrid - The Mirror

Composed in 2021

Genre: Disco Pop

Sigrid is a Norwegian pop singer

The song is about learning to love yourself and being confident with who you see 'in the mirror'. Can you think of any other songs with a similar message?

Online Safety

What is fake news?

Fake news is news that isn't true because it's either completely made up or the facts of the story have been changed. Some fake news stories are created for fun and others want to change people's opinions. Sometimes, fake news can be adverts or photos that have been changed to trick people.

Why is it important to talk about the news with your child?

Fake news can affect children's well-being and anxiety levels, and cause confusion and mistrust. **1 in 5 children** and young people believe everything they read online is true (Ofcom, 2016) and **only 2%** were able to identify all news stories correctly as either real or fake in a survey (National Literacy Trust, 2018).

<p>5 WAYS TO SPOT FAKE NEWS</p> <p>Guidance for Parents on Spotting Fake News</p> <p>How to spot fake news and show children to be media savvy</p>	<p>National Literacy Trust</p> <p>Fake News Discussion Starters for Parents</p> <p>Top tips for talking to your child about the news</p>	<p>Full Fact Toolkit - Tools to Identify False Information</p> <p>Top tips for checking the validity of news and information</p>
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Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

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Year Group	Attendance
Curious	89%
Respectful	98%
Honest	95%
Energetic	85%
Expressive	93%
Reflective	83%
Resilient	83%
Considerate	95%
Kind	90%
Capable	92%
Cooperative	93%
Caring	85%
Successful	90%

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Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon 16th December</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tue. 17th December</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 18th December</u></p> <p>Preschool Space Day</p>	<p><u>Thur. 19th December</u></p> <p>Christmas Panto</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Fri. 20th December</u></p> <p>LAST DAY</p> <p><u>Class Parties & Disco</u> (own clothes and party food with no allergens)</p> <p>School finishes at 2.00 pm</p>
<p><u>Mon 23th December</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Tue. 24th December</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Wed. 25th December</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Thur. 26th December</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Fri. 27th December</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>
<p><u>Mon 30th December</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Tue. 31st December</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Wed 1st January</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Thur. 2nd January</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p>	<p><u>Fri. 3rd January</u></p> <p><u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u></p> <p>Inset day for Staff</p>





JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



Friday 13th December 2024

Winter themed bake sale 3pm
(We will also sell light wands and class tea towels)

Friday 10th January 2025

PTA AGM 8.45am to 9.45am
(Online and in person with refreshments, a chance to learn more about what we have achieved for your children and get involved)

Friday 7th February 2025

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Phoenix Community Centre Evening
(With Quiz Master Mr Entwistle, tickets will go on sale in January, start gathering your teams!)

Dates
for the **Diary**



James Dixon Preschool

Morning and Afternoon session availability

Mornings: 8.30-11.30am Afternoons: 12.15-3.15pm

What we do:

We focus on learning through play, providing enriching play opportunities and learning experiences.



We also have learning sessions, including:

- Phonics
- Maths
- History/science/geography

We also have weekly Forest school and PE lessons.



Please scan QR code to visit our website and complete an application form.

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GREATNESS THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Respecting Our Neighbours



Please note that all of the parking bays on William Booth Road are private; paid for by the residents.



Help us to have positive relationships with our neighbours.



Respect our neighbours

DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE BAYS

