



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 2

This week in 4N...

The children have continued to make an excellent start to the year this week, making excellent progress with their Maths and English work, and enjoying using their iPads in Science and History lessons.

In Maths, we have been reinforcing our understanding of place value and partitioning - vital underlying skills for all children to know. We have also introduced rounding this week and this was the focus of the written Maths homework yesterday. The children are tackling the tricky task of rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and have learned the 'High 5' rule (5 or higher, round up and 4 or lower, round down.)

English has focused on understanding our example adventure story, 'Adventure at Sandy Cove.' The children will be starting to write a toolkit for adventure stories next week and then proceed to writing their own adventures centred on finding something. We will be reading a Famous Five adventure as a class soon and if children have any classic adventure stories at home they could bring them in to share.

In Science, we have learned about the potential dangers of electricity, with the children even spotting various warning signs as we were walking to the Church in Kensington for the start of term service on Tuesday. This was a lovely event and the children behaved impeccably, even helping the Year 1s to walk along Kensington High Street.

History has focused on learning about Ancient Roman society. The children were excited to use their iPads to research Roman Emperors. We will be developing our research skills this term through our humanities subjects.

Games was lots of fun on Tuesday this week - the children were very impressive in their developing Netball skills. It was wonderful to see them working so effectively as a team and challenging one another to do better. They were also dedicated Cross-Country runners, with some children even tackling two laps in preparation for the ISA Cross-Country competition!

We had our first buddy time with the Reception class on Wednesday afternoon. The children will spend half an hour each week helping and supporting the younger students. It was lovely to see them play together and get to know each other.



We enjoyed buddy time with Reception on Wednesday.



Netball practice at Kings House.

The children have been given their homework timetable and you can also find it below. Please do get in touch with me via the school office or in the Courtyard with any questions. There was a small error in the timetable sent out previously, as the Sanskrit work was listed as 'optional.' This is not the case, and the children should complete 15 minutes of Sanskrit on Tuesday and Thursday.

Things to remember

- We have Games every Tuesday and swimming every Thursday this half term. Children should come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday and bring their swimming bags (with towel, goggles and hat) on Thursdays. Every other day the children should come to school in full winter uniform. Children can be picked up after swimming on Thursday - 3pm at Fulham Pools - or after Games on Tuesday - 2:30pm at Kings House Sports Ground. Just let me know and the children can bring their bags etc.
- I am aware that there are many online logins to remember and use (see the attached slides for more information about the platforms we are using) - if you ever have any trouble logging in or accessing those sites then please let me know via the office and I'm happy to help. I am also able to set the children to the right level on Oxford Reading Buddies if they are not currently at the right scale point.
- We are working on helping the children to change their reading books as often as possible. Please do keep reading with the children at home and recording in their reading journals.
- Mrs Pickles has asked all the children to bring a book from home to cover in their sewing lesson on Wednesday.

Year 4 Homework Timetable 24 – 25 (~30-40 minutes every day)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spelling 20 min	English 30 min	VR / NVR 20 min	Maths 30 min	Comprehension/ Writing 30 min
TTRS 10 min	Sanskrit 15 min	TTRS 10 min	Sanskrit 15 min	Oxford Reading Buddy 10 min

Children need to read their scheme reader book every night and log this in their reading record.