



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 4

This week in 4N...

It has been another fun-filled week in Year 4, with the children enjoying using their iPads across different lessons. We were excited to use the app 'Showbie' for the first time in our History lesson this week. This app enables the children to view lessons, hand in work and view feedback digitally. The Year 4 children enjoyed the opportunity to learn about Roman everyday life through the activities we completed and we will continue trying out Showbie in different lessons this term.

In Maths, we have introduced rounding over the last week, with the children developing their skills in rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. This has been a challenging task and the class have risen to it - some children even ended up rounding to the nearest 10,000 and 100,000! At the end of the week we began to focus on addition and subtraction and we will continue with this next week.

The children enjoyed reading some classic adventure stories in English. We have been reading The Spiderwick Chronicles and The Famous Five as a class to help develop our ideas for our own adventure stories. Next week, we will begin innovating our own stories as a class as we move towards independent writing.

In Science, we were very excited to get out circuits, batteries and bulbs this week as we continued learning about electricity. The children were challenged to turn on a bulb, make a buzzer sound and even make a simple fan! You can see their impressive efforts in the photos below.

The children have continued to develop their Netball skills with Mrs Hithersay this week. She was impressed with their athleticism and developing communication as a team. I was very impressed with the number of children who took on the challenge of running two laps of the cross-country course as well!



Our circuit making in Science this week.

Things to remember

- 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 office@stjamesprep.co.uk 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.
- Our *Harvest Festival* is next Thursday, 3 October and this year, we will be collecting for our new school charity, *Under One Sky*. More information about the wonderful work that is done for London's homeless may be found here: [Homepage – Under One Sky \(underoneskytogether.com\)](http://underoneskytogether.com) The following items (which do not have to be new but in a usable condition) will be greatly appreciated:

ST JAMES PREP - HARVEST 2024 - UNDER ONE SKY	
Winter hats	Soup
Gloves	Travel-size tooth-paste
Scarves	Travel-size shampoo & conditioner
Sleeping bags	Soap
Blankets	Socks
Pillows	Shoes
Tracksuit tops and bottoms	Non-perishable food items
Coats	
Jackets	

- 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.

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.