



## 4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 8

### This week in 4N...

It has been a busy start to the half term this week, with the children enjoying some time to catch up with their Reception Buddies and starting new Science and English topics.

Our new Science work is focused on States of Matter and the children shared their excellent knowledge about Solids and Liquids this week, including writing detailed definitions.

In English, the children enjoyed reading Maurice Sendak's classic book 'Where the Wild things Are' and writing a recount of an imaginary meeting with a 'wild thing'. Our work this half term will be focused on writing magazine articles about meeting an amazing creature. We will begin by looking at an example text about meeting the great lion Aslan, so the children were learning all about how magnificent lions are in their lesson yesterday, creating some wonderful artwork in the process.

We are continuing with our work on the Romans in Geography, which was focused this week on exploring the climate and geography of Italy. We will be using our Thursday afternoons to make Roman shields together as a DT project. We have started our designs and would ask that if you have any large cardboard sheets or boxes at home for you to send them in for us to use.



*The Year 4s were reading with their Reception buddies this week.*



*We drew a box the size of a lion on the playground to imagine how large they are, then drew detailed lion pictures with pastel.*

## Things to remember

- We are pleased to be launching ClassDojo for parents as a way of enabling quick communication between home and school. Please do read Mrs Wyatt's newsletter which has specific guidance about when to use ClassDojo to communicate and when an email to the school office is more appropriate. To connect to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

[www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CK2ZSZT](http://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CK2ZSZT)

ClassDojo is also used to award and tally house points, so you will now be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

- We are all excited for Feel Good Friday on **Friday 15th November**. It will be all based on the theme of Buddies! We will spend some time together during the day, including lunch, playtime and a fun craft challenge. Additionally, we would invite the children to come to school wearing odd socks on this day! This will help us to celebrate difference - a theme we have been looking at in our PSHEE lessons. This will be a fabulous conclusion to our Anti-Bullying week.
- We are going on a 'Roman Walk' around the City of London on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. The children have been given a letter about this and you can find it attached. If you do not want your child to attend or you have any questions, please let me know. Children should wear school uniform and will be provided with a packed lunch by the school kitchen.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews (PTIs)**: You have the opportunity to book a 20-minute meeting with Mr Norris to discuss your child's progress so far this term. Year 4's meetings are being held on Wednesday 20th November. Please book your appointment if you haven't already on SchoolCloud via this link: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- 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](mailto: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.
- There will be no swimming until January but Games continues every Tuesday. Children can be picked up at Kings House on Tuesdays at 2:30pm.

- 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.**

Spelling Words for test on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November -

**Spelling Shed**   
Words with the suffix '-ation'

population

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decoration

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duration

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donation

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information

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sensation

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registration

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determination

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vibration

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preparation

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