



## 4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 11

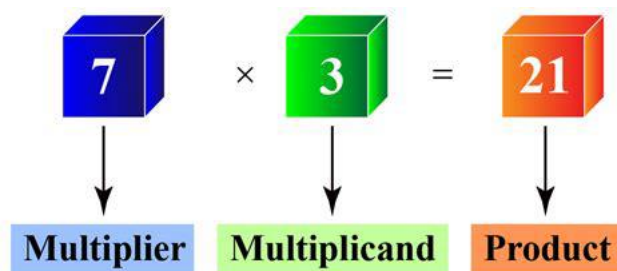
### This week in 4N...

It has been a fun and learning-filled week in Year 4. The children have really been enjoying our Science lessons focused on changing states of matter, including melting, freezing and evaporating. This week, the children used wet sponges to see how quickly water evaporates in different areas of the classroom. They were very enthusiastic and used a scale accurately to collect their results.

On Tuesday, a group of Year 4 children went to the ISA Tag Rugby competition with Miss Robertson. It was wonderful to hear how well-behaved and energetic the children were. They had a mixed set of results at the end of the day but had several convincing victories and should be immensely proud of themselves. The rest of the class also impressed with their hard work in leading football teams in their matches against Kew College.

Buddy time was lots of fun this week, with the Year 4 children helping their Reception buddies design treasure maps. It was lovely to see the children working so well together!

Maths has been focused on more multiplication this week and the children have been mastering the use of the correct names for the parts of a multiplication sum which you can see below. They have been challenging themselves and have mastered finding factor pairs.



In English, we have been planning and writing a class article about meeting the White Witch from Narnia, in preparation for writing our own articles about meeting a fictional character. The children have used fantastic expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials to make our class work interesting and engaging for the reader. You can see what we wrote below.

## The Day I Met the Cruel Icy Witch by 4N



*Yesterday, I journeyed to the mysterious land of Narnia to meet a white witch who calls herself "the winter queen of Narnia." There I would witness the terror and horror that surrounds this unknowable ruler.*

*As the cold winter morning began, I rolled out of bed nervously and packed my lunch, my camera and my notebook. I wondered if I should bring a weapon but decided against it. As I got closer to the wardrobe, I could not help thinking about all the innocent people who had been turned to solid stone by the witch's silver wand.*

*It felt like a thousand years, but it only took a few minutes to push through the mothball-covered coats in the wardrobe. I found myself in the bitterly cold, icy forest. The witch's magic had covered the whole land in never-ending snow. It was always winter and never Christmas! What kind of person would do this?*

*As the hours passed, I felt nauseous with fear, but I kept going as the witch's castle was in sight. I looked down at my watch and realised I was late. Gasping, I ran as fast as my tired legs would carry me towards the colossal eerie palace. The stone faces of the witch's victims stared at me through glassy eyes, their looks of terror frozen forever.*

*Finally, I reached the frosty iron gates of the fortress. An ear-splitting screech echoed from a distance. "Where is he?!" rang a cruel high-pitched voice. Glued to the spot, I hardly dared to breathe, terror surrounding me. The gates creaked open and inside I saw the tall, beautiful,*

*terrible figure of the witch herself. Her eyes glinted with red fire and her fingers were twitching icicles. "Come in!" she commanded. It felt like I had no choice, I was under her spell.*

*The next day, back in my warm bed, I thought about my time with the witch. Her terrible voice had given me nightmares and made my skin crawl. Her terrible power had seemed to spread out from her body. Even though she was beautiful on the outside, her insides were ugly and evil.*

*This was an unforgettable experience. I was lucky to escape with my life.*

*The Year 4 Tag Rugby Team enjoyed their tournament on Tuesday.*



*Buddy time was lots of fun this week - making treasure maps!*



### Things to remember

- The Christmas Market is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12pm to 4pm.
- The next Performance Tea is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. You can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KtR46pZ8ac>
- Book Look is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 8am until 8:45am.
- If you have not yet connected 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)

As well as being a way of enabling quick communication between home and school, ClassDojo is used to award and tally house points, so you will be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

**You do not need to sign up for the paid 'Plus' version of Class Dojo.**

- In a change to previous communication, **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Lunch**. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on that day and bring in hats to wear for lunch.
- The Christmas Carol Service is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's Kensington at 9:15am. There will be refreshments for parents in the Courtyard from 8:15am. Children to be in full school uniform, please.
- Term ends at 11:30am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- Children and staff have been asked to make 500 Christmas cards for our Under One Sky homeless friends. It does not matter whether the cards are hand-made or store bought, as it will be the messages inside that count. The salutation should read, 'Dear Friend,' followed by a positive message of hope and peace - and close with a first name. Completed cards should please be returned to class teachers by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, please.
- 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 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. If children have finished the Oxford Reading Tree books, then they are welcome to chose their own appropriate reading book, which should be recorded in the Reading Record.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December -

**Spelling Shed** 

Words ending in '-lly'

wonderfully

faithfully

usually

generally

finally

peacefully

carefully

cruelly

beautifully

thoughtfully