



**ST JAMES**  
Preparatory School

## 4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 9

### This week in 4N...

We have had another enjoyable week in Year 4, with lots going on. The children were incredibly respectful and calm during the Remembrance Day Service on Monday, showing enthusiasm for buying poppies and learning about the reason behind them.

In English we have continued exploring our lion-related model text all about Aslan from the Chronicles of Narnia. The children will be writing recounts of encounters with other fantastical beasts and have been reading lots of newspaper and magazine articles to help with this.

Maths has had a focus on times tables again this week - exploring the 9s, 7s and discussing divisibility rules. The children were challenged to find whether numbers were divisible by a list of other times tables using various tricks and patterns to help them. They impressed me with this challenging task!

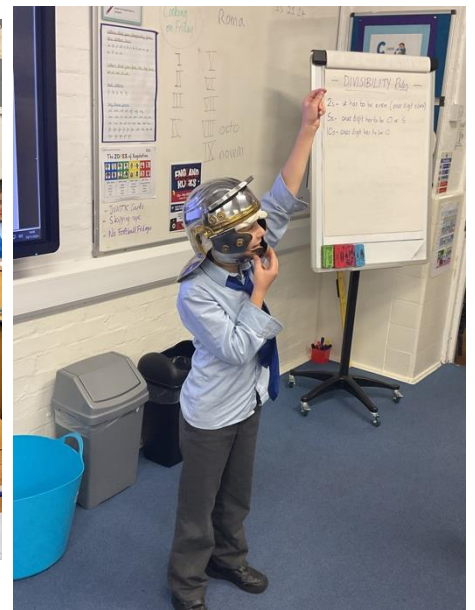
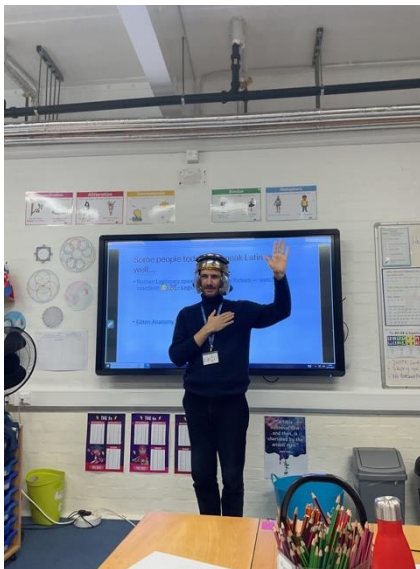
Science was lots of fun this week as the children explored whether gases have mass - using fizzy drinks, plastic bottles and lots of energy! The children had to measure the mass of a fizzy drink before shaking it up and measuring it again. They found that the drink had reduced in weight, showing that gas has mass. Thankfully, we did not have any mess!

History was also fascinating this week, as Mrs Mason came to visit us from the Senior Girls' School. She is the Head of Classics and came to give us a Latin lesson linked to our Romans topic. The children learned how to introduce themselves in Latin and even got to try on a Roman Legionary's helmet.

The Year 4s Science experiment was lots of fun this week!



Mrs Mason from the Senior Girls came to visit and taught us some Latin. She also brought a helmet for us to try!



## 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 last week'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 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 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.
- 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.**

Spelling Words for test on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November -

Spelling Shed 4 <sup>th</sup> Words with the suffix '-ation'
illustration
observation
location
adoration
coronation
admiration
generation
exploration
combination
detonation