



4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 12

This week in 4N...

This week in Year 4 we have started to feel festive! The children have enjoyed learning about Christmas celebrations around the world from our advent calendar and were wowed by the Lower School Nativity performance. In our RS lessons we have also been learning about the significance of Christmas for Christians and comparing this to lots of cheesy Christmas television adverts.

We have also had a Science-filled week. Mrs Mehta, who teaches Science in the Senior Girls School (as well as being Mia's mum!) invited us to visit the lab upstairs for a lesson all about melting. Year 4 have been learning all about changes of state and really enjoyed the opportunity to use Bunsen burners to investigate the time it takes to melt different materials. Thank you very much Mrs Mehta for inviting us and well done to the children for taking part so enthusiastically.

In Maths we have been learning about square, cube and prime numbers this week. The children even built cubes out of blocks to visualise what happens when you make a cube number.

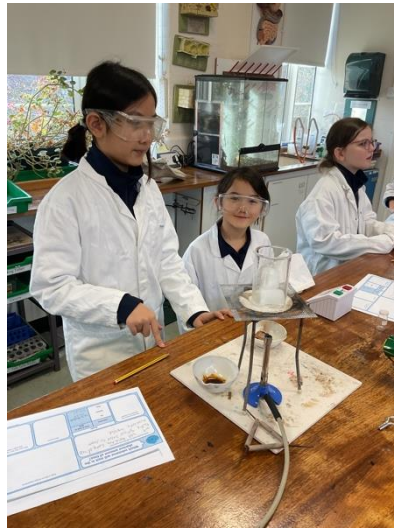
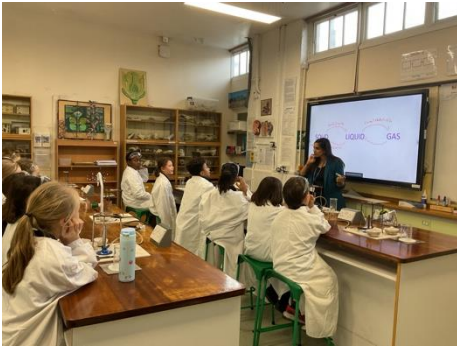
Our English has been focused on preparing for our hot task which we will be writing next week. Many children have been excited by 'Wicked' and the Wizard of Oz, so we wrote articles this week imagining meeting The Wicked Witch of the West or the Wizard. The children will be able to choose who to write their hot task about as we plan it over the coming days.

The Roman shields we have been making are almost finished and we will be taking part in a Roman marching challenge next week with our finished 'scutum's.'

Next week is the final week of term and school finishes at 11:30am on Friday 13th December. The children will be taking part in lots of festive fun next week including the Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 12th. More information about the events coming up is available below.

The Year 4 children have been asked to make Christmas cards for the Under One Sky project as part of their homework this weekend. More details are below!

We had a wonderful Science lesson with Mrs Mehta.



Our Maths lesson about cube numbers was interesting - we made our own cubes!



Things to remember

- Book Look is on Monday 9th 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=CK2ZS7T

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.

- **Wednesday 11th 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 12th 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 13th 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 9th 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 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 9th December -

Spelling Shed 

Words where 'ch' makes a /sh/ sound

chef

machine

parachute

crochet

quiche

chandelier

chaperone

chalet

chute

brochure