



**ST JAMES**  
Preparatory School

## **4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 13**

### This week in 4N...

We have had a very festive week in Year 4, enjoying celebrating together and with the school. The children's performance at the Christmas Carol Service was wonderful and their singing was beautiful. Well done to Eden for his saxophone playing in the Prep School Band and well done to all the children singing in the choir - Isabelle, Mia, Marissa and Malu.

In English we have been working hard on finishing our articles. We have been writing Hot Tasks imagining meeting a fantastical character - for example the Wicked Witch of the West or Santa Claus. The children produced detailed, interesting and descriptive writing. Well done!

Our final Maths topic of 2024 has been Roman Numerals, with the children recapping their knowledge and learning how to write numbers, dates and years in Roman Numerals. We have also been finishing off our Romans topic in History, learning about the Roman invasion of Britain and Boudicca's revolt.

Over the holiday I will set some Atom homework but there will be no other work to complete. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for all your support over the course of this term. See you in 2025!

The children have been enjoying sewing, Christmas jumpers and Christmas lunch over this festive week!



Year 4 have been revising their Roman Numerals knowledge.



## Things to remember

- 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.**

- Term starts again on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- Wellbeing Update from Mr Jones:
  - If your child wishes to apply to join our next group of Wellbeing Ambassadors, they should write a letter, using the template handed out this week. Deadlines for applications is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.
  - We invite all parents to complete the following Wellbeing survey. We are so keen to hear your thoughts once again on the wellbeing provision on offer at St James. Please use the following link:  
<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/674dbf2243252>
- **Maths Update -**

We are aware that different families have different plans across the festive period. If you would like your child to complete additional mathematics holiday work, then we would highly recommend the following:

- The Power of Maths practice books link with our curriculum and teaching style. Children can complete 4A as this will cover our teaching throughout this term. Some families may wish to move onto B and C but please be aware that we are yet to cover some of these concepts yet.
- <https://whiteroseeducation.com/products?page=1&product=20>
- Oak Academy is an excellent resource for recapping and learning specific topics.
- <https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/key-stages/ks2/subjects>
- If you fancy a challenge, then have a go at DecemBAR! A set of challenges designed to encourage problem solving using drawings of bars to represent the mathematics. The questions get progressively more challenging.
- <https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources/decembar>

- Children should continue to attempt to make their 'heatmap' green in Garage mode. Children who have completed this can have a go at improving their studio time.
- Nrich is a fantastic site for reasoning and problem solving challenges.
- <https://nrich.maths.org/parents/primary>

### **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.**