



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

4N Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 4

This week in 4N...

The highlight of this week was our trip to the Alperton Mandir to learn about Hindu worship. The children impressed me and Mrs Jessup with their respectful and inquisitive attitude as they explored this vibrant place of worship. They were even able to chant one of their Sanskrit verses in the Mandir.

The children have also made great progress with Division in Maths this week, as Ms Foster and I have introduced them to the 'bus-stop method'. We are coming to the end of our work on Multiplication and Division and the children have begun to master the written methods for both operations, as well as improving their mental calculation skills.

ICT was another high point of the week, as the children used their weekend homework planning to write and format a newspaper article about the fictional story of Amie the tiger. Their work was detailed and well-presented, using their iPads and Purple Mash to create effective newspaper reports.

We have made progress through our English unit focused on settings and atmosphere this week. The children have learned lots about how to create a mood for the reader, using expanded noun phrases and alliteration. Next week, the children will start to create their own atmospheric story openings.

The children enjoyed their sunny trip to the swimming pool on Thursday and persevered through the rain during House Football on Tuesday. Malu was also singled out by Ms Robertson for her incredible Netball performance at the ISA on Wednesday. Well done to the whole class!

Have a great weekend!

Mr Norris

The children had a wonderful trip to the Mandir in Alperton on Monday.



The children taking part in House Football on Tuesday.



Things to remember

- Mrs Wyatt has asked me to remind you that children are expected to wear school uniform every day except Tuesday. Children will be given time to change for clubs at the end of the day. All children with long hair (below the collar) should also tie it up.
- Our **Spring Bulb Competition** has launched! Children are encouraged to grow a bulb (or 2) at home and bring them in to school on Wednesday, 12 March when the first round of judging will take place. There are plenty of house-points and 'Green Thumb' certificates to be won - happy growing and good luck!
- Save the Date: On the afternoon of Friday 14th of February the school will be holding Grandparents and Special Friends Afternoon. Details will follow soon but, in the meantime, please save the date!

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.

Spellings for Monday 3rd February -



Words ending in '-ous'

perilous

jealous

precious

dangerous

disastrous

poisonous

mountainous

marvellous

tremendous

enormous
