

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of this term, I wanted to express my gratitude towards you for all the support I have received as an Early Career Teacher (ECT) starting at St James'. It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your child over the last 13 weeks and I look forward to welcoming them back into class in January 2022.

Your child has worked incredibly hard and shown brilliant resilience this term as they have transitioned into Key Stage 2. It is now not just about knowing the maths or subject specific terminology, it is about applying that knowledge to problem solving questions and to develop their own critical thinking.

**Maths** - We started the term with the focus on Place Value (up to 3-digits) and ended the term on Multiplication and Division (3s, 4s, and 5s).

Timetables practise over the Christmas holiday would be extremely useful for all children to help them with this mathematical focus next term and consequently in Year 4 when they do their timetables test.

**Literacy** - Our two class texts have been 'Leon and the Place Between' and 'The BFG'. As a class we have looked at and created fantasy adventure stories, posters, poems, diary entries and the use of emotive language.

During literacy homework please encourage your child not to write simple sentences. Next term, we want to extend their vocabulary and enrich their sentence structures.

**Science** - Our topic this term was 'Animals including humans'. We have covered parts of the body, bones, balanced diet and of course skeletons (animals and humans).

**History** - Year 3 have loved learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age this term. I am seeing many historians in the making. We have covered right up to the attempted invasion of Britain by Julius Caesar in 55BC.

**Art** - Our artist this term was Giuseppe Acrimboldo, with the focus on still life. The children have studied, replicated and recreated their own still life images using sketch pencils, oils and water-colours.

**Computing** - Within ICT this term we have looked at text and graphics. We were focusing on copy and paste, collage, and how text and graphics together communicate meaning. Touch typing skills are still being developed and something that is really simple and easy to practise at home.

It has been a very busy but enjoyable term and I look forward to moving on to including Geography and Design Technology into our weekly timetable next year. Mrs Deasy, Mrs Brown and I will continue to push and strive for neat presentation and legible handwriting of an appropriate size next term for all children in Year 3.

I wish you all a very safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

Miss Spencer-Boyce



The pictures were taken at the Advent concert rehearsals, Year 3 cooking day, Year 3 class visit to Petts Wood Library, PE and History lessons and the fantastic theatre performance organised by the PTA.

