

Dear Parents,

We have had yet another very busy term at St James'. The children have transitioned in to Year 4 smoothly and are responding to the challenge very well 😊 We have been doing so much fantastic work in class including:

- English- We have studied the children's classic The Iron Man, Varmints and Farther. We have written letters, explanation texts, newspaper articles, diary entries, instructions and information leaflets.
- Maths – using our new scheme we have been focusing on addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, perimeter, measurements and place value. We have been talking lots about our Maths and enjoying problem solving too.
- Ancient Egypt has been our history topic and it is fantastic to see how engaged and interested the children have been in the topic. We learned about mummification, ancient tomb paintings, Ancient Egyptian Gods and lots more.
- In our Science topics we learned about food chains, the digestive system including making our own poo- which was an interesting day. We have also studied how sounds are made.
- Abstract Artists was our Art topic and the children have produced some beautiful pieces of abstract art using paints, they are on display in our classroom. The children explored artists such as Mondrian, Fernand Leger, Wassily Kandinsky.
- Guided Reading happens lots in Year 4 and we have read and listened to a wide range of songs, poems, story extracts and non-fiction texts.
- In our RE we have been learning all about The Bible, finding references for ourselves and understanding what is in the New and Old Testament. Our second topic was focusing on how we can trust God and what examples we can see in the Bible. We began our work on Hinduism this term, learning about the Trimurti and their belief system. It was great to have a visit from Nabhi who told us all about Diwali.
- DT- we made some Ancient Egyptian bread this term and all the children worked together well to make some very yummy loaves.



We were lucky enough to get to travel up to London to visit the National Gallery and we all had a fantastic day. It is great to begin going on trips and exploring again. We also have been to visit the United Reform Church in Petts Wood and attended the Advent Service at St George's Cathedral.

I was also so proud of the children during our own Advent Service, they sang their song very beautifully. What a lovely way to end the term. They've all worked very hard and have made some amazing progress. I hope everyone has a peaceful, happy and restful Christmas. Can't wait to see you all in the New Year. You're amazing Year 4 😊 Miss A





