



Dear Parents,

We have had yet another very busy term at St James'. The children have transitioned in to Year 4 fantastically well and it has been great to get straight back in to work 😊 We have been doing so much fantastic work in class including:

- English- We have studied the children's classic The Iron Man, Varmints and Until I Met Dudley. We have written letters, explanation texts, newspaper articles, diary entries and information leaflets.
- Maths – using our new scheme we have been focusing on multiplication and division, Roman numerals (which we all loved), 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 teeth and the digestive system and also have begun our next topic of Sound. This was why we needed all of the bottles so thank you so much, we investigated pitch and loudness using them.
- Abstract Artists was our Art topic and the children have produced some beautiful pieces of abstract art using watercolours. It is great to hear that the children confidently talked about artists such as Mondrian, Fernand Leger, Wassily Kandinsky to our Ofsted visitors.
- 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.
- Our Music lessons have been particularly exciting as we have all been learning the Ukulele. We hope you can come to our performance next week 😊 Mr Sterling, the teacher from BYMT said he was not only impressed with how quickly the children have picked up the chords but also with their fantastic behaviour.

We were lucky enough to get to travel up to London to visit the National Gallery and we all had a fantastic day. I was so proud to take them up to such a wonderful place and their behaviour was outstanding. I was also so proud of the children during the Advent Service, they sang so beautifully and were so confident. What a lovely way to end the term.

I hope everyone has a peaceful, happy and restful Christmas. I cannot wait to see you all in the New Year. You are amazing Year 4 😊

Miss Atkinson



