ST JAMES
Preparatory School

4N Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 6

This week in 4N…

It has been a week of sporting success in Year 4 with wonderful performances by the whole class against Latymer in football on Tuesday and outstanding individual achievements in the ISA Cross-Country competition on Wednesday. The children played Latymer in three teams, with the help of some Year 3s, winning two of their three games. Isabelle, Winnie and Aria were excellent captains and there were lots of outstanding team-players. Special mention to Fareed who scored a hat-trick! Team 1 won 6:4 (Aria's team) Team 2 won 6:5 (Winnie's team) and team 3 lost 3:5 (Isabelle's team).

In the ISA Cross-Country, Miss Robertson took eight Year 4 children to compete on the challenging course. All the children performed admirably and cheered each other on enthusiastically. It was amazing to see Aria's success in finishing second in her race and qualifying for the National competition in March!

We have continued working hard on our adventure story writing in English this week. The children have used their plans from their weekend homework to structure their detailed and descriptive stories. I have been very impressed with their work so far and we will be finishing this unit of work with a Hot Task next week.

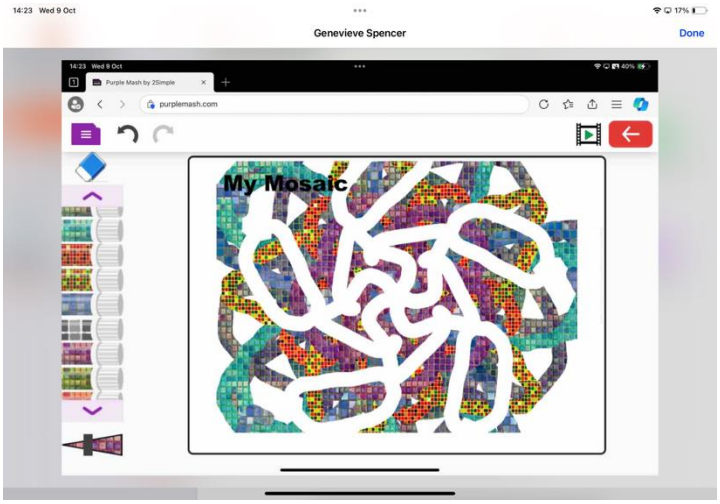
Maths has seen us continue focusing on challenging subtraction work – including with exchanging (or borrowing). The children have learned ways to subtract more efficiently and about the importance of setting out their calculations clearly and carefully, especially when exchanging. We will be moving on next week to look at Area.

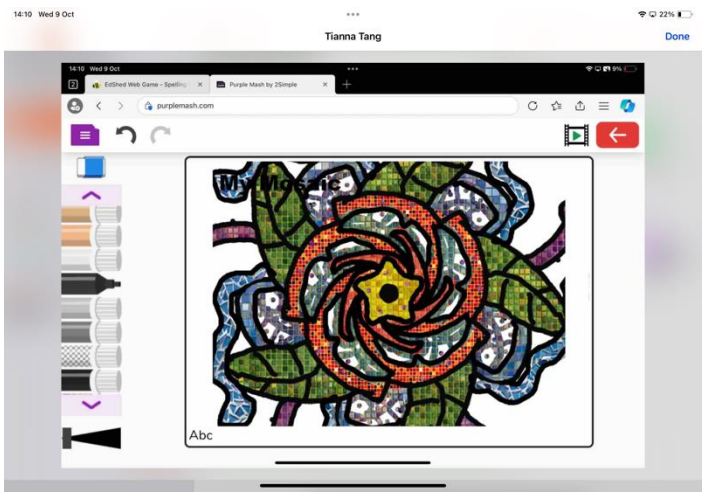
Thank you for your support with the launch of the iPads and for helping the children to look after them at home. We have many children leaving their iPads at school when they are not needed and this is absolutely fine – just let me know that you would like to do this and I can ensure that they are locked away securely and charged at school. We have been able to use the iPads to draw some beautiful mosaic patterns this week. You can see these attached below.

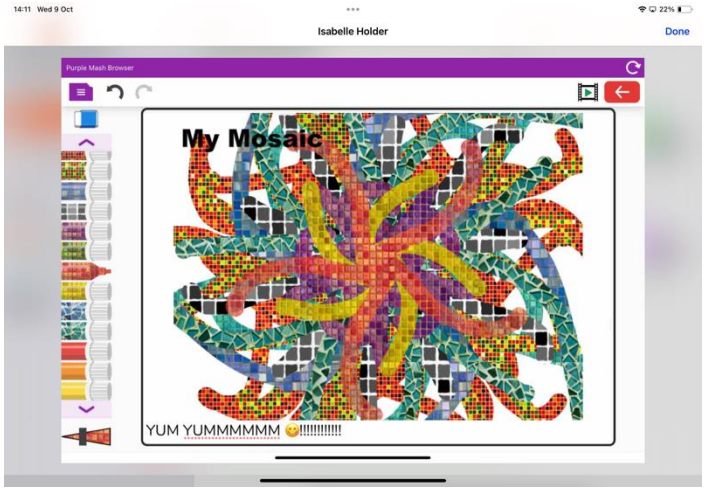
Please rest assured that I take very seriously the need to balance screen time and other types of work. We are currently using our iPads in ICT lessons, VR and NVR lessons and to support our learning in History. In English and Maths, all of our lessons currently focus on paper work. Occasional quizzes and games also make the

iPads an exciting and valuable classroom resource. Children are not allowed to use their iPads unsupervised – we store them on a shelf, not in our desks – and cannot take them to after school clubs.

The children have read and signed an 'iPad Use Agreement' today which they are bringing home. We would ask you to sign and return this agreement on Monday. Please do get in touch with any questions or concerns.







Some of our iPad mosaic patterns.

The children at the ISA Cross-Country and the Football match against Latymer.

Things to remember

- The children have been given their homework timetable and you can also find it below. Please do get in touch with me via the school office office@stjamesprep.co.uk or in the Courtyard with any questions. There was a small error in the timetable sent out previously, as the Sanskrit work was listed as 'optional.' This is not the case, and the children should complete 15 minutes of Sanskrit on Tuesday and Thursday.

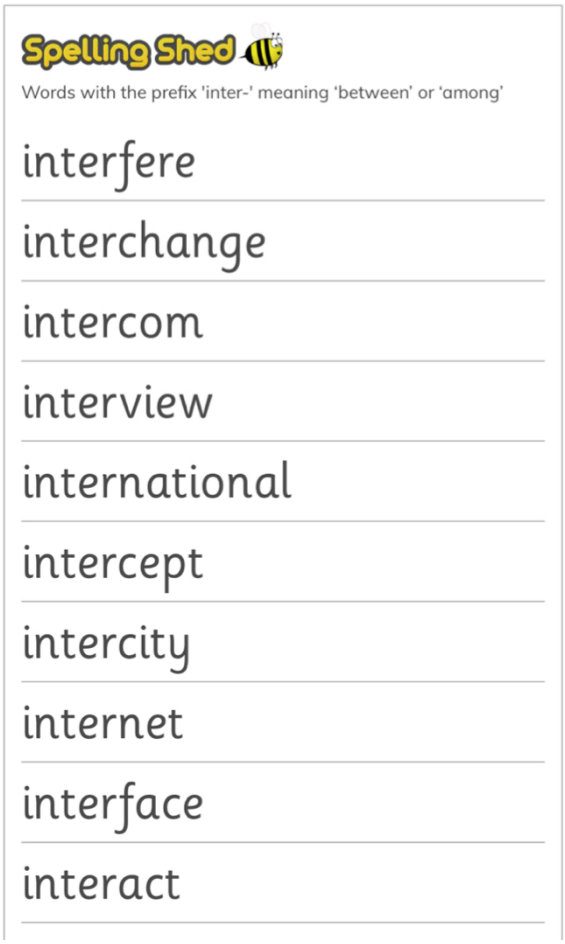
- We have Games every Tuesday and swimming every Thursday this half term. Children should come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday and bring their swimming bags (with towel, goggles and hat) on Thursdays. Every other day the children should come to school in full winter uniform. Children can be picked up after swimming on Thursday – 3pm at Fulham Pools – or after Games on Tuesday – 2:30pm at Kings House Sports Ground. Just let me know and the children can bring their bags etc.

- I am aware that there are many online logins to remember and use (see the attached slides for more information about the platforms we are using) - if you ever have any trouble logging in or accessing those sites then please let me know via the office and I'm happy to help. I am also able to set the children to the right level on Oxford Reading Buddies if they are not currently at the right scale point.

- We are working on helping the children to change their reading books as often as possible. Please do keep reading with the children at home and recording in their reading journals.

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.

Spelling Words for test on Monday 14th October –