ST JAMES
Preparatory School

4N Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 6

This week in 4N…

It has been another fun-filled week in Year 4, with the children enjoying a visit from a fashion designer and an author, as well as an Art trip to the National Gallery. Anya Hindmarsh shared powerfully with the school at Assembly on Tuesday, about her school experience and the importance of a diverse and inclusive curriculum. On Wednesday, the children heard from Rachel Morrisroe about her new book 'Felix and the Future Agency', before heading to the National Gallery and exploring still life paintings and seeing for themselves some of the masterpieces they have been studying.

We have also been completing end of year assessments in Maths and English this week, which the children have been resilient in persevering with. It is wonderful to see the progress that they have made this year!

Year 4 have been busy preparing for their arts and crafts sale tomorrow. They will be selling their wares in the courtyard between 3 and 3:30pm if you are able to visit. The children are also encouraged to bring some money in so that they can buy cakes, crafts or have their bike or scooter washed – all in aid of our partner school in South Africa.

For half term homework, the children are encouraged to complete the optional Atom tasks that have been set. Also, they will have a writing task inspired by the visit of Rachel Morrisroe to complete in their homework writing books. TTRS and Ed Shed will also be good for the children to use.

Thanks for all your support this half term!

Have a great half term,

Mr Norris

The National Gallery trip was wonderful!

We also enjoyed our other visits this week!

Things to remember

- There will be a Book Look for all classes on Wednesday 4th June at 8am

- Parent Teacher Interviews for Year 4 will take place on Wednesday 11th June. Please book your appointment on SchoolCloud.

- We are pleased to announce that our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in the First Maths Challenge this term. This national challenge provides an excellent introduction to the more advanced Primary Maths Challenge, which pupils can participate in during Year 5 and Year 6. The challenge will take place between Monday 16th June and Friday 27th June. Although participation is voluntary, we strongly encourage all pupils to take part, as it offers a valuable opportunity to develop problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking.

  To prepare, we highly recommend that pupils have a go at the past papers available on the official website: First Maths Challenge Past Papers.

  All children who participate will receive a certificate in recognition of their effort and enthusiasm.

- Mrs Wyatt has asked me to remind you that children are expected to wear summer 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.

- As the weather gets warmer, can all children bring a water bottle and ensure that they have a hat and wear sun cream as appropriate.

A note about PSHEE

To coincide with our PSHEE topic of 'Changing Me' over the next half term, we will also be discussing the NSPCC's Talk PANTS rules in our lessons. During these discussions we will aim to teach our children the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. These are the PANTS rules:

P: Privates are private.

A: Always remember your body belongs to you.

N: No means no.

T: Talk about secrets that upset you.

S: Speak up, someone can help.

The lessons empower children, in an age-appropriate way, to recognise their rights to their own bodies, say no to touch that is unwanted, and tell someone if they feel uncomfortable. The lessons include activities which help children understand:

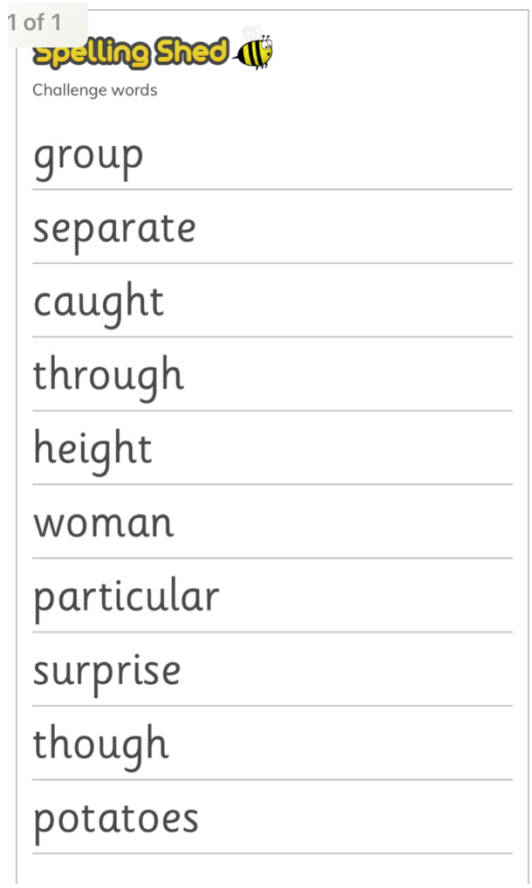
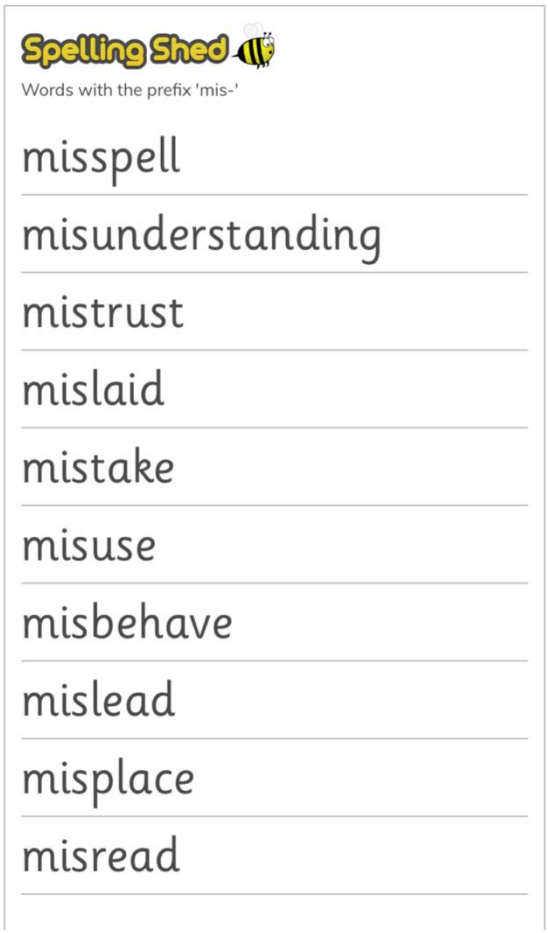
- Appropriate and inappropriate touch
- Their right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- The names for parts of the body
- Who to turn to if they ever feel upset or worried

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at:
nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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 the test on Monday 2nd June –