ST JAMES
Preparatory School

4N Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 10

This week in 4N…

What a busy week we have been having in Year 4! As we come to the end of the term and the year there is so much left to enjoy. This week we have had the Swimming Gala, Sanskrit Speech Competition and Sports Day!

Year 4 have been well-behaved and organised at all these events, showing great sporting effort and focus. They also did amazingly well at the Sanskrit speech competition, coming first in their group and beating the older Year 5 and 6 children! Mrs Jessup and I have been so impressed with their hard work and focus in Sanskrit over the last few weeks in particular. They have been chanting whenever they had a chance to practise! Well done especially to the finalists – Isabelle, Marissa, Malu, Erik and Winnie, who all performed clearly, loudly and confidently. Winnie was the deserving winner of the individual Year 4 competition – fantastic work, Winnie!

The Swimming Gala was fun and everyone challenged themselves, taking on new strokes and longer lengths than before. Everyone showed real progress from last year! Particular well done to Malu and Winnie who took on the butterfly!

We have also been working hard on our final hot task this week, writing stories about characters finding a mysterious object. Well done for the hard work and description that everyone has put into their writing.

The children have impressed me and Ms Foster with their performances in the First Maths Challenge this week. All of the class earned a certificate, with many children earning Bronze, Silver and Gold. Fareed earned the highest score in the class! Well done!

There are lots more events next week and I look forward to seeing you all at Speech Day on Thursday.

Have a great weekend and thanks for all your support this year,

Mr Norris

The Sanskrit speech competition was a great success for Year 4!

Things to remember

- The House Treat will be on the afternoon of Monday 30th June. The house winner for the term will be announced via Class Dojo over the weekend, after the points from Sports Day have been added. Children in the winning house will need to bring a change of clothes on Monday as they will be getting wet! They can also bring a water pistol if they have one.

- Moving Up Morning is on **Monday 30th June**. Children will find out who their new teacher for September will be and will spend time with them in their new classrooms. Parents will receive details on the same day.

- Speech Day is on **Thursday 3rd July** at the Royal Geographical Society. Please bring your child straight to the venue for registration at 9:30am. The event will finish at approximately 11:30am and all children need to be collected from the venue.

- **Summer Sunflower Growing Competition**
  Every child in Nursery to Year 6 has received a sunflower seed. Please help your child plant their seed and remind them to water it during the summer holiday. When the sunflower is at its prime, please take a photo of it and upload this to ClassDojo. Judging of the photos (only) will take place the first week back in September. Happy growing!

  - 1st Place Winners: Gold Green Thumb certificate & 200HPs
  - 2nd Place Winners: Silver Green Thumb certificate & 100HPs
  - 3rd Place Winners: Bronze Green Thumb certificate & 50HPs

- 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.

- We regularly use Atom in school and for homework. If you wish to complete additional work with your child beyond how much school has set or take mock 11+ assessments then please do feel free to purchase an Atom Home account. Please find a discount code below.

  Atom Home discount code - **MAYHT25** - 20% off the first month, in addition to a 5 day free trial, as long as this is redeemed by the 8th June.

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:

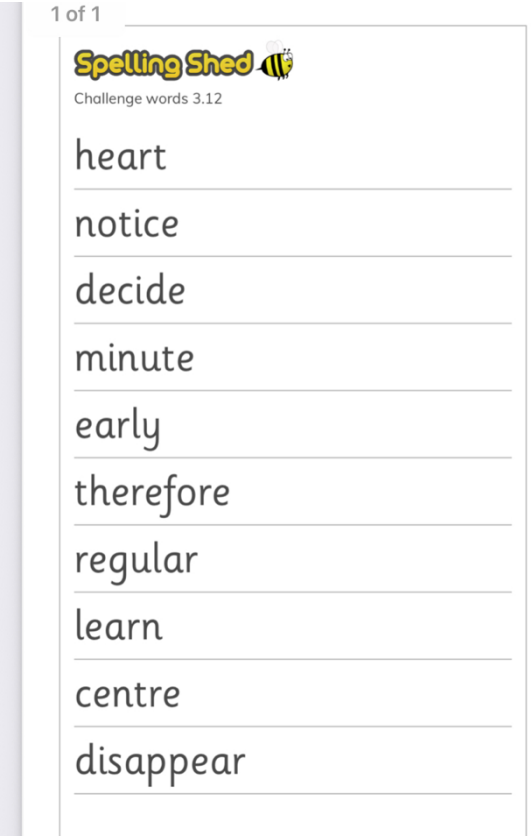
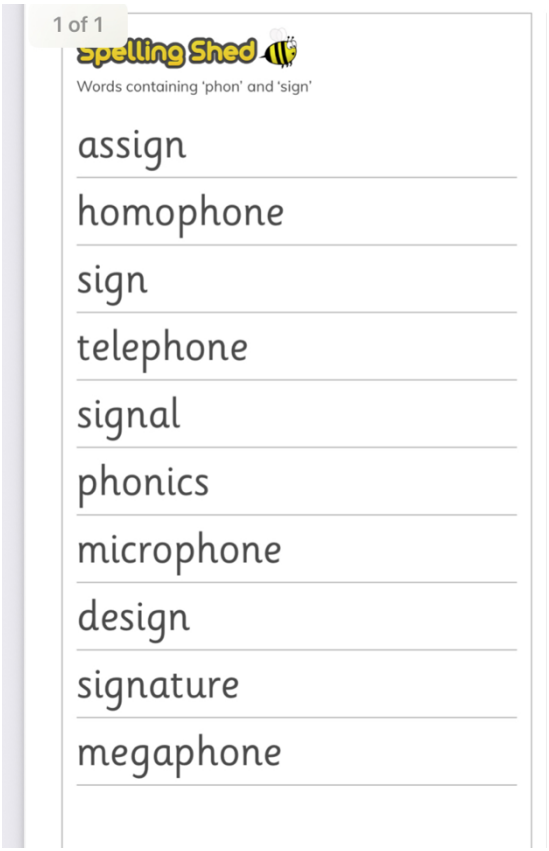
- Appropriate and inappropriate touch
- Their right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- The names for parts of the body
- Who to turn to if they ever feel upset or worried

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 30th June -