

Dear Parents,

We have had yet another very busy term at St James'. We have been doing so much fantastic work in class including:

- English- In English we have read Winter's Child- a story about frosty mythology, The Lion and The Unicorn, a story about a WW2 evacuee. We have finished the term by studying The Matchbox Diary, learning all about travelling through Ellis Island in the 1920s. We wrote some very information reports about the experience of going through Ellis Island and are turning them in to online fact books.
- Maths- Fractions, decimals, multiplication and division have been our focus this term. We have focused on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 up to 2 decimal places and using our formal short written methods of multiplication and division. We are still practising our tables and getting ready for next term.
- Geography- We learned about India this term; it's human and physical features and we also focused on the Geography Skills of identifying latitude, longitude and how to use them to read a map. We created some brochures all about India.
- DT- We all successfully used the blanket stitch to create a money container. This required lots of hard work and perseverance and we made sure that we decorated the purses according to our detailed designs.
- RE- We have been learning about Jesus and his role in our lives as both Saviour and Teacher. The children always take great pride in their RE work and have been developing their knowledge of scripture.
- We have continued to read a wide variety of texts in our Guided Reading sessions and towards the end of the term we have focussed on Viking Voyagers, a fantastically detailed text all about the Vikings.
- Science- We focused on Living things and their habitats this term. We have looked at Jane Goodall as an inspirational scientist and also at ways in which we can impact the planet. We enjoyed making animal habitats during Science Day.
- Computing- Continuing working on Scratch has allowed us to deepen our learning of coding this term. We made a variety of different games and also an animation. We will continue using Scratch for animations in the Summer term.
- PE- We have enjoyed doing hockey outside with Mr Kay this term and we used the hall to explore gymnastics and yoga. We are especially working on being still.
- Music- We had our first taster session on the Ukulele and this will be part of our weekly learning next term.



We enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Dulwich Picture Gallery and took part in a workshop creating our own Self Portraits. They are on display in Year 4 if you would like to see them.

It has been a fantastic and very busy term but I'm very proud of how hard all of the children are working. Have a wonderful restful Easter and we will be back soon ready for another exciting term.

Miss Atkinson 😊

