

Dear Parents,

We have had yet another very busy term at St James'. It has been wonderful to see how hard the children are working. We have been doing so much fantastic work in class including:

- English- We have read Winter's Child- a story about frosty mythology, Frindleswyld - a story about a mysterious boy who controls the frost and we have finished by studying The Matchbox Diary, learning all about travelling through Ellis Island in the 1920s. We wrote some information reports about the experience of going through Ellis Island and are turning them in to online fact books. I will, once we return from Easter be sending out links so that the children can share them with you. We have continued to read a wide variety of texts in our Guided Reading sessions focussing on lots of inspiring people including Frida Kahlo, Dr Barnardo, Howard Gayle, Rosa Parks and Emmeline Pankhurst.
- 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. We also enjoyed Maths Day and created some bar chart skylines using Pi.
- 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 compared our lives to a village in India and created some cross curricular writing all about the wonderful culture, sights and food of India.
- DT- We all successfully used the blanket stitch to create a money container. This required lots of hard work and perserverence and we made sure we decorated the purses according to our detailed designs. I was especially proud of how hard the children worked on these.
- RE- In RE we have been learning about Jesus and his role in our lives as both Saviour and Teacher with Mrs Walter. The children always take great pride in their RE work and have been developing their knowledge of scripture. We have also expanded our knowledge of Hinduism, focusing on symbols of the faith and the Trimurti.
- Science- We focused on Living things and their habitats and States of Matter. We have thought about how to classify.
- Computing- Continuing working on Scratch has allowed us to deepen our knowledge of coding this term. We made a variety of different games and also an animation. We designed and made some fantastic games.
- PE- We have enjoyed doing netball outside with Mr Fowler this term and we used the hall to explore gymnastics – we will be continuing to use the apparatus when we return after Easter.

In the very last week of term we chose clay as our Creative afternoon in Art and made some amazing sculptures. We also made Egyptian bread which was fun and the children worked together so well. It has been a fantastic and very busy term and I'm very proud of how hard all of the children are working.

Have a wonderful and a restful Easter and we will be back soon ready for another exciting term.

Miss Atkinson 😊

