Contact Letter	Date: 01.11.19	Year Group: 4
Topic: St James' - Our Journey		

This week's learning:

• Maths: We have been subtracting 4-digit numbers where exchanging is needed, using place value resources, and then learning how to record the calculation using formal written methods (column subtraction).

- English: We have been using the text, 'The Matchbox Diary' to start to consider the changing emotions of a character through a story. The children have also written a letter as a character from the story.
- Wider curriculum: We have named some conductors and insulators and explained how this is useful information. The children have discussed how to use electricity safely. They have also learnt to spot the odd ones out in a results table and explain why they don't fit the pattern.

Next week's learning:

- Maths: We will use the inverse operations of addition and subtraction to check if our calculations are correct and identify where we went wrong if needed.
- English: We will be introducing debating and having a class debate using a scenario from 'The Matchbox diary'. The children will then write up their arguments either for or against the main question.
- Wider curriculum: We will be using all our learning about circuits to explore how to make a burglar alarm using buzzers!

