



YEAR 4

NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 14th March

We hope you had a wonderful half-term break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead! This half-term is set to be a busy one, filled with fantastic opportunities for learning, teamwork, and adventure. From thrilling sporting events to engaging educational days, there's plenty for the children to look forward to. Of course, a real highlight will be our much-anticipated residential trip to High Borran, where the children will challenge themselves, build resilience, and create lasting memories.

World Book day

For World Book Day, the children took part in a range of exciting activities inspired by *What Do You See When You Look at a Tree?* The focus was on how we can make a positive impact on the world around us and how nature can help us manage our emotions. As part of this, the children explored the trees in our school grounds, carefully sketching different species in an art activity. They also designed their dream reading spaces, filling them with creative and imaginative features to make reading even more enjoyable. Across the school, each class worked together to create a collaborative story, with Year 4 taking on the important task of writing the resolution and ending. To top off the day, Miss McIntyre organised a fantastic outdoor book hunt,



which the children absolutely loved. It was also wonderful to see so many children dressed up as their favourite story characters, bringing books to life in such a fun and creative way. It was a fantastic celebration of reading, creativity, and the power of nature!

PE

The children have been excited to begin learning some tennis skills this term. Their main focus has been on coordination and controlling the ball when hitting it. They have been practising how to track the ball, use the correct grip, and strike it with accuracy. Through a range of fun activities and drills, they have developed better control and confidence in their movements. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and determination grow as they refine their skills and enjoy the challenges of the game!

Proud to make a positive impact.

Outdoor learning

Outdoor learning has provided fantastic opportunities for the children to engage in hands-on, active learning across different subjects. In maths, they have been using the outdoor area to practise multiplication through active games, making learning fun and engaging. In science, we began exploring the digestive system, bringing learning to life by heading outdoors with chalk and a tape measure to map out the lengths of the small and large intestines. The children were amazed to discover that, despite its



name, the large intestine is actually shorter in length but wider in diameter than the small intestine. Using the outdoor space in this way has helped to deepen their understanding and made learning even more memorable!

STEM Week

During STEM Week, we had an eco focus, launching the week by learning about climate change and why creating a greener climate is so important. The children explored the causes and effects of climate change and discussed ways we can all make a positive impact. They then took part in a hands-on wind turbine activity, discovering how wind energy can be harnessed as a renewable power source. Additionally, the children participated in an eco day, where they focused on different renewable resources and ways to reduce our environmental footprint. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and passion for protecting our planet and thinking about sustainable solutions for the future.



Diary Dates

Roman Day– Wednesday 19th March– Come dressed as a Roman

Skipping Festival— Friday 21st March

Dance festival—Monday 24th March

High Borrans week– Monday 31st March with Mrs McIntosh's class

High Borrans week-Wednesday 2nd April Mr O'Hara's class

Y4 Easter assembly - Wednesday 9th April @2:30

Southridge Sponsored Fun Run– Thursday 10th April

Last day of term– Friday 11th April

Return to School– Monday 28th April