



YEAR 4

NEWSLETTER

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

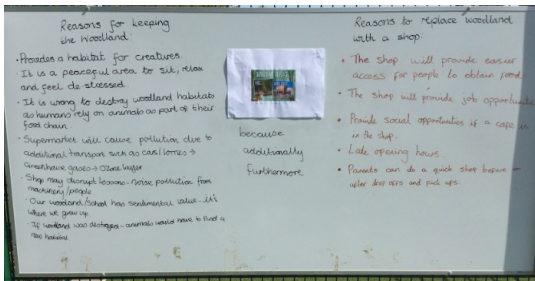
Friday 11th April

Friday 28th March

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic Easter break, and are ready for the exciting final term at Southridge. As we look ahead, we are focused on helping the children prepare for their next steps into middle school. We are thrilled to share that the children have now received their pen licences, a well-deserved recognition of their hard work and progress in handwriting. We encourage them to continue using neat presentation in all their work, ensuring they make a positive impression on their Year 5 teachers. Let's make this final term a memorable and successful one!

English

This term, the children are exploring discursive letter writing, focusing on a topic that is both engaging and meaningful — saving our school woodland from being replaced by a supermarket. To truly understand the importance of this issue, they have immersed themselves in our outdoor forest area, using the natural setting to inspire their ideas. During their visit, they explored arguments both for and against the proposal, encouraging them to consider different perspectives. This hands-on experience sparked passionate debates, helping them develop a balanced understanding. Alongside this, they have been expanding their vocabulary and exploring key spelling patterns, which will be essential when crafting their letters. These skills will enable them to clearly and persuasively express their opinions, whether they are for or against saving the woodland. We are excited to see the children use their newfound knowledge to create impactful discursive letters.



PE

This term in PE, the children have been developing their skills in both tennis and athletics. In tennis, they have been focusing on mastering serves, learning the correct techniques to achieve accuracy and power. Through drills and practice games, they have built confidence in their serving skills, which are an essential part of the sport. In athletics, the children have been preparing for the upcoming QuadKids event, which will take place within school this term. They have been practising a range of athletic skills, including the 50m sprint, 400m run, standing long jump, and howler throw. Each child will complete these four events, with their results being carefully recorded. These results will then be submitted to the North Tyneside Sports Team, where they will be compared against other schools.

Multiplication

For the next few weeks, we would like to encourage all students to dedicate just 10 minutes a day to practicing their times tables. Regular practice during the break can significantly enhance fluency and confidence in math. We recommend using resources such as Times Tables Rock Stars (<https://ttrockstars.com/>), which offers an engaging, game-based approach, and MathsFrame (<https://www.mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/mental-maths>) for additional interactive activities. Many students have also enjoyed using TimesTables.co.uk (<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>) to earn trophies as they track their progress. Consistent practice will help reinforce these essential skills and set students up for success in Middle School.



Maths

This term, the children have been developing their understanding of decimals, focusing on the place value of tenths and hundredths. They have been learning how to compare and order decimal numbers, using their knowledge of place value to explain why one number is greater or less than another. Through practical activities and class discussions, they have gained confidence in identifying the value of digits in decimal numbers and applying this understanding to real-life contexts. To reinforce these skills, the children can use interactive games such as "Coconut Ordering" on Topmarks, which challenges them to compare and order decimal numbers in a fun and engaging way.

[Coconut Ordering.](#)

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Diary dates

Summer 1

Monday 12th May- Year group class photos

Friday 16th May- 9Am-10AM-Anxiety and Transition Parent Workshop - Connect Mental Health

Thursday 22nd May -6PM-7PM -Anxiety and Transition Parent Workshop (Virtual) - Connect Mental health

Summer 2

Monday 2nd June -4SO Bikeability

Monday 9th June- 4SM/LS Bikeability

Monday 16th June- y4 Sports Day

Tuesday 1st July & Wednesday 2nd July- Middle School transition days.

Friday 4th July- Summer Fair

Thursday 10th July- Leavers assembly

Week beginning Monday 14th July- Y4 activities Week

Warm weather

As the sun shines on us this term, just a reminder to ensure all jumpers, cardigans and coats have names inside them. Children often take them off at playtimes and it is very difficult to ensure they go home with the right person if they are not named. Sun cream should be applied before school as we often spend time outdoors as part of our learning. Sending a sun hat with your child is also advised, they can keep it in their drawer during the day so it is always handy for them when we go outside. We appreciate your support with this.

