



# YEAR 4

## NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 10th October

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents for their generous donations towards our Harvest collection. Your contributions will make a real difference to those in need. Thank you to everyone who has already brought in a donation for the Whitley Bay Food Bank. A huge well done to the children for their wonderful performances in the Harvest assembly - they sang beautifully and shared their messages with confidence and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic celebration of the season, and we appreciate your continued support!

### Maths

This week, the children have been developing their understanding of the column method for both addition and subtraction. They have practised setting out calculations accurately and checking their answers carefully. Building on this, the children have been applying their skills to a range of problem-solving and reasoning tasks, which has helped them to explain their thinking more clearly and deepen their understanding of number.

To support their learning at home, you might find this interactive BBC Bitesize resource helpful: [Column Addition and Subtraction](#)

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### English

This week, the children have been writing their own "rags to riches" stories inspired by *The Egyptian Cinderella*. They focused on making their writing more engaging by using fronted adverbials, prepositions, and expanded noun phrases to add detail and interest for the reader. In addition, the children have been learning about diary entries, imagining themselves as Howard Carter at the moment he discovered Tutankhamun's tomb. This has helped them explore different writing styles and perspectives while continuing to develop their creativity, sentence structure, and word choice.

### History

Last week, the children went on an exciting trip to the Great North Museum: Hancock to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians. In school, they had already been learning about mummification, so they were very curious to see real examples and find out more. As soon as they arrived at the museum, they were amazed by the artefacts, including mummies, statues, and colourful tomb decorations. The visit helped them understand how important the role of the embalmer was in Ancient Egypt. The children discovered that embalmers were very skilled and had an important job in preparing people for the afterlife. They also learned about Egyptian gods and goddesses and how they guided and protected people. Throughout the museum, the children enjoyed seeing jewellery, everyday objects, and art from thousands of years ago. They asked lots of questions and were excited to find out how Egyptians lived, worked, and celebrated special occasions. Back at school, the children shared their favourite parts of the trip, from the huge statues to the intricate artefacts. The visit helped them imagine life in Ancient Egypt and gave them a deeper understanding of the people and culture. It was a fun and inspiring day that brought history to life and made learning about the Egyptians feel real and exciting.

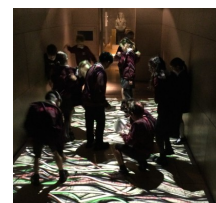


### French



This week, the children have been learning about families in French. They practised words for different family members, like *la mère* (mother), *le père* (father), *le frère* (brother), and *la sœur* (sister), and enjoyed using them in simple sentences to talk about their own families. Through fun games, songs, and drawings, the children became more confident speaking in French and could even introduce their families to the class. It was a lively and enjoyable way to learn new vocabulary while celebrating the different types of families in our lives.

We work hard,  
enjoy school and try our best.



## Diary dates

Monday 13th October– Parents consultations

Tuesday 14th October– Parents consultations

Thursday 23rd October– School Disco

Wednesday 5th November—High Borrans information 5-5:45

Tuesday 11th November—Remembrance Assembly

Friday 5th December– Christmas Fair

Friday 12th December - KS2 Carol Service @St Mary's Church– 1:15-2:15

Tuesday 16th December—KS2 Christmas Party