



# YEAR 4

## NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 13th February

As we reach the halfway point of the year, it's incredible to see how hard the children have been working and the progress they have made. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and resilience have been truly inspiring. With just half the year remaining in their final journey at Southridge, we look forward to making the most of the time ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities and special memories. A huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Book Look and parent consultations. They really enjoyed sharing their work with you and taking pride in their achievements. Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half-term break!

### English

This week, the children have been busy developing their instruction writing skills, learning how to tailor clear and effective instructions for different audiences. They have planned their ideas carefully and edited their work thoughtfully to ensure their writing is purposeful and easy to follow. As part of this, they focused on sequencing, grammar, and precise vocabulary to make their instructions as clear as possible. A class favourite was writing instructions for tidying a bedroom—something they enjoyed so much that we're hoping it leads to permanently tidy rooms at home! They also created imaginative "How to Enter a New World" guides, building on their earlier work on portal stories. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and technical writing skills grow side by side. Click on the image below to learn more about instructions

[How to write instructions](#)

### Multiplication

This holiday, 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://trockstars.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.



### Art

In Art this week, the children have been creating detailed side profile portraits to represent traditional Roman sculptures. They explored the use of proportion, carefully considering the placement and scale of each facial feature. To refine their work, the children completed a number of sketches, using each new attempt to show the improvements or changes they wanted to make. They also practised a range of sketching techniques—such as shading, line work, and refining outlines—to bring accuracy and character to their drawings. Their focus and creativity have been fantastic, and they are excited to see their portraits transformed to resemble authentic Roman sculptures.



### PE



In PE this week, the children have been learning the fundamentals of rugby, focusing on how to pass the ball backwards while moving into space. They have also been working on supporting their teammates, making sure they stay connected and ready to receive a pass. It has been great to see their confidence grow as they build teamwork, communication, and coordination through the game.

Proud to make a positive impact.

### Reminder of morning drop-off procedures

Please remember that **all** children in Year 3 and Year 4 must be brought to the school gates by an adult. Once they have been handed over at the gate, they become our responsibility and are welcome to make their own way to their classroom, or walk in with an adult.

## **Diary Dates**

Monday 3rd March- First day of Spring 2 term

Monday 23rd March- Wednesday 25th March- High Borrans (Mr O'Hara's Class)

Wednesday 25th March- Friday 27th March (Miss McIntyre's Class)

Wednesday 1st April- year 4 Easter Assembly 2:30

**Thursday 9th July- Year 4 leavers assembly**