



# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 6th March

Welcome back! We hope all our children and families had a relaxing and enjoyable half term break. It's been wonderful to see the children return refreshed and ready to learn—they have already worked incredibly hard since coming back, and we are so proud of their enthusiasm. This half term is filled with exciting opportunities, including our upcoming Spring Assembly and, of course, the much anticipated High Borrans residential. We're looking forward to a fantastic few weeks ahead!

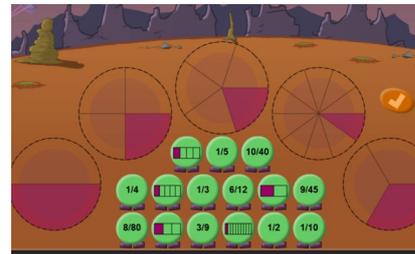
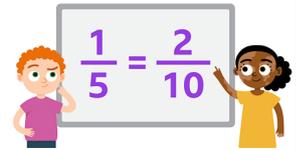
## English

The children have been thoroughly engaged in their English lessons as they explore the legendary tale of *Beowulf* and his epic battle against the monster. They have been diving deeply into the ambitious vocabulary used in the text, discussing powerful word choices and how they shape tension and atmosphere in the story. Building on this, the children have been applying their understanding of embedded clauses to add detail and richness to their own sentences, using them to include extra information about characters, actions and settings. It has been wonderful to see their writing develop as they experiment with language and structure to bring their own heroic narratives to life.



## Maths

The children have been working incredibly hard in maths as they explore a wide range of fraction skills. They have been learning about equivalent fractions using pictorial representations and applying their multiplication knowledge to spot patterns and solve problems accurately. They have also been adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, including working confidently with improper fractions and mixed numbers. To build even more confidence at home, children can enjoy practising their skills through this fun, interactive fractions game:



Click on the image to play the equivalent fractions game.

## Science

This week, the children have been exploring the wonderful world of living things and their habitats. They enjoyed using their classifying skills to group a variety of animals based on features such as diet, body coverings, and where they live. The class also learned how scientists use classification keys, and they had great fun using these keys themselves to identify different creatures. It has been fantastic to see their curiosity grow as they discovered how every animal has a habitat that helps it survive and thrive.

## PE

The children have made a great start to their new unit in net and wall games and gymnastics. In gymnastics, they have been focusing on developing control in their movements, working carefully on balance, body tension and smooth transitions between actions. During tennis sessions, the children have been practising how to hit a forehand shot accurately, concentrating on their stance, swing and aiming the ball with precision. It has been fantastic to see their coordination, confidence and enjoyment grow across both areas of PE.



## World Book Day

The children recently enjoyed a wonderfully creative storytelling and writing day inspired by *Journey* by Aaron Becker. The aim for the day was to inspire creativity through collaborative storytelling and writing. As the book is wordless, it provided a rich opportunity for children to interpret the illustrations, develop their own ideas and construct imaginative narratives together. They also watched the story on YouTube (*Journey* by Aaron Becker) which helped them immerse themselves in the world of the book and spark thoughtful discussion. The day truly allowed the children to express their imaginations, work collaboratively and deepen their appreciation for visual storytelling.



Proud to make a positive impact.

## Diary Dates

Thursday 19th March- KS2 Disco—5:45-6:45

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 2nd April- Last day of term

Monday 20th April- Return to school

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