



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 20th March

The children have been working incredibly hard across all areas of their learning, showing fantastic focus, resilience, and enthusiasm. Their determination has really shone through this week, and we are so proud of the effort they continue to put into everything they do. Alongside all this hard work, we can certainly feel the excitement brewing for their upcoming residential trip to High Borrans! The children have been chatting eagerly about the adventures ahead, and we can't wait to see them challenge themselves, grow in confidence, and make wonderful memories together.

English

This week, the children have been exploring kennings poetry and have loved taking their learning outdoors! They began by hunting for *kennings clues* hidden around the school grounds, which helped them understand how kennings describe something in a creative, two word riddle style. They then created their own kennings inspired by outdoor features of the school. Back in the classroom, we linked this work to our text Beowulf, using kennings to write vivid poems about Beowulf and Grendel. As we move forward, the children will now be using all of this rich language work to plan and write their own *defeating the monster* stories, based on the structure of Beowulf. If you'd like to try a fun activity at home, here is a simple challenge for writing a kennings poem about yourself: Click on the image for guidance.



How to Write a Kenning Poem

What is a Kenning?



Maths

This week in maths, the children have been developing their confidence with adding and subtracting fractions. They have been using visual models, number lines, and practical equipment to help them understand how fractions with the same and different denominators can be combined. The children have worked hard to explain their reasoning and to spot when fractions need to be made equivalent before calculating. To support this learning at home, you might enjoy exploring this fun KS2 game for practising fraction skills:

$$\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} =$$

Click on the image to play the adding fractions game.



Dance festival

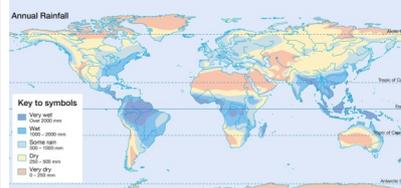
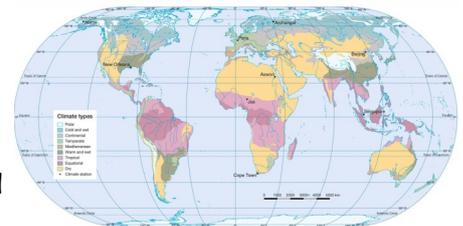
This week, some of our children had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Dance Festival at the Whitley Bay Playhouse. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and brilliant teamwork—doing an absolutely amazing job on stage! We would also like to say a huge thank you to Harriett from Decote Dance, who supported the children throughout and gave them the chance to showcase their wonderful talents in such a professional setting. We are incredibly proud of every dancer who took part!



Proud to make a positive impact.

Geography

This week in geography, the children have been investigating different climates around the world. Using their growing map reading skills, they located a range of climate zones and discussed the key features of each one. They also explored rainfall patterns across the globe, comparing areas with very high rainfall to those that are extremely dry. Through this, the children began to understand *why* certain places have the climates they do—such as their position near the equator, distance from the sea, or the presence of mountain ranges. They really enjoyed becoming climate detectives and using evidence to explain their ideas!



Diary Dates

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