



YEAR 4

NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 1st May

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 looking forward to a jam-packed term full of exciting learning opportunities and experiences. Let's make this final term a memorable and successful one!

English

In English this term, the children have been learning about explanation texts, using the breakfast machine from *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* as their inspiration. They began by watching the clip and discussing how the machine works, before becoming immersed in a model text with a strong focus on rich and precise vocabulary. Through this, they explored the features of explanation writing and how ideas are clearly organised. The children are now focusing on developing cohesion in their writing, using a range of conjunctions, adverbials and linking phrases to improve the flow of their sentences and ensure their explanations are clear and easy follow.



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://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.



PE

This term in PE, the children have been developing their skills in both cricket and athletics. In cricket, they have been focusing on key skills such as fielding and striking the ball. They have been learning how to use the correct techniques to hit the ball with control and accuracy, as well as developing their catching, throwing and stopping skills in the field. Through drills and small-sided games, they have built confidence in both batting and fielding, which are essential parts 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.

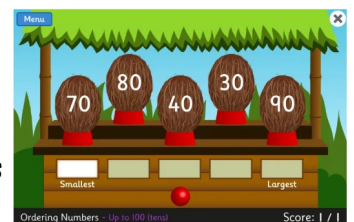


Maths

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.

They have also been introduced to dividing by 10, understanding how this makes numbers ten times smaller and shifts digits one place to the right, resulting in a decimal number.

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.



Whitley Bay Carnival

The deadline for Whitley Bay Carnival has now passed, and the children who have signed up will take part in a workshop in school to prepare for the festival.



Diary dates

Summer 1

Monday 4th May- STEM week (D.T focus)

Monday 11th May- Year group class photos

Friday 15th May - Bingo Night PTA-

Wednesday 20th May- Big Maths Party- Magic of Maths

Thursday 21st May- Last day of the term

Friday 22nd May- Teacher training day

Summer 2

Thursday 4th June -4SO Bikeability

Friday 5th June - 4NM Bikeability

Monday 16th June- y4 Sports Day- 2:00pm

Tuesday 30th June & Wednesday 1st July - Middle School transition days.

Friday 3rd July- Summer Fair

Thursday 9th July- Leavers assembly -2:00pm

Thursday 9th July- Leavers Disco

Week beginning Monday 13th 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.

