



# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

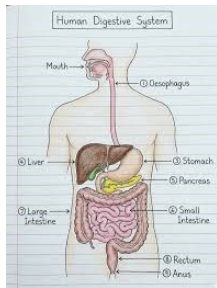
Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 15th May

The children have continued to work incredibly hard across all areas of learning and should be very proud of the progress they are making. We have placed an extra focus on handwriting, particularly on correct letter formation, presentation and how to hold a pencil properly to support neat and comfortable writing. It has been wonderful to see the children showing determination and perseverance as they practise these important skills each day. Alongside this, we are continuing our strong push on multiplication knowledge, encouraging pupils to improve their fluency and confidence with times tables through regular practise and quick recall activities. These key skills are important in helping the children to maintain high standards as they prepare for the transition into middle school.

## English

In English this term, the children have been learning about explanation texts, using the digestive system as their inspiration. They began by exploring how the body digests food, identifying the different organs involved and discussing the journey food takes through the body. The children then became immersed in a model text with a strong focus on rich and precise vocabulary linked to the digestive system. 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 to follow.



## PE

This term, the children also had the opportunity to take part in a T1 rugby tournament, where they competed in a range of games and skill-based activities. Throughout the event, the children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, while confidently applying the skills they had been practising in lessons. They showed great enthusiasm and represented the school brilliantly with their positive attitudes and behaviour.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The children also attended the QuadKids event at Churchill Playing Fields, where they competed in a variety of athletic activities against other schools. They showcased their running, jumping and throwing skills with confidence and resilience, encouraging one another throughout the day. It was wonderful to see the children perform so well and approach each event with such positivity and determination.

## STEM WEEK



STEM Week was an exciting and inspiring experience for all pupils, with a strong D.T. link running throughout the week. The Year 4 children had the opportunity to design and create innovative projects while learning about real-world careers in science, engineering and technology. We were fortunate to welcome visitors including Simon Wilson, who



demonstrated and discussed Artificial Intelligence with Year 4, and Ej Shin, who delivered a presentation about her role in technology. Amy and RAFAC Cadets also supported the week by demonstrating a flight simulator and leading STEM activities for Years 1–4.



Throughout the week, pupils explored inspiring “Scientist of the Day” activities linked to science, DT and engineering, helping children learn about diverse scientists and engineers. As part of the whole-school DT project, pupils took part in the British Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics, designing superhero prosthetic limbs to explore creativity, empathy, engineering and problem-solving. Children also enjoyed working collaboratively across year groups to “Build a Bug Hotel or Mini Habitat” as part of an eco-design challenge with Year 2. It was wonderful to see the older children supporting and encouraging the younger pupils while developing teamwork and creativity.

Proud to make a positive impact.

## Diary dates

### Summer 1

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 15th 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

## Multiplication

Here are some useful websites and games to help improve multiplication fluency and times table recall:

[Times Tables Rock Stars](#) – Fun and engaging times table challenges and competitions.

[Hit the Button](#) – Quick-fire multiplication practise game.

[Mathsframe Multiplication Games](#) – Interactive multiplication games suitable for primary pupils.

[Topmarks Daily 10](#) – Timed arithmetic practise including multiplication questions.

[Multiplication.com](#) – Games, worksheets and practise activities focused on times tables.