



# YEAR 4

## NEWSLETTER

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

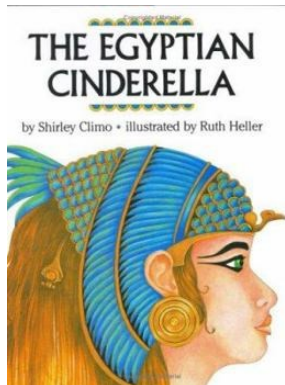
Friday 11th September

A very warm welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed some quality family time. The children have made a fantastic start to Year 4 and have really impressed us with how quickly they have settled into our new routines and expectations. They have shown great enthusiasm and positivity, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

### English

We have made a fantastic start to our new English topic, Egyptian Cinderella! The children have been getting to know the character of Rhodophis and exploring how the author uses powerful words and descriptions to influence how we, as readers, feel about her.

Next, we will be exploring fronted adverbials and how these can help us link events together, making our writing more exciting and helping the reader follow the story.



### Maths

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In Maths, we have been learning about place value and developing our understanding of the value of each digit within a number. The children have explored different representations to help strengthen their

understanding of thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.

Next, the children will use their place value knowledge to compare 4-digit numbers, explaining how they know which numbers are greater than, less than or equal to each other. For some extra Year 4 place value practice at home, you can try the Topmarks activities:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/place-value>

### Tuck Shop

Our Year 4 tuck shop will be open every Tuesday and Thursday, giving the children the opportunity to purchase a healthy snack during the school day.

Each item will cost 40p. All snacks are carefully checked for allergies and dietary requirements and are selected to provide a healthy option for the children.



### Multiplication

Regular times table practice is really important in Year 4 as it helps children develop speed, accuracy and confidence when recalling multiplication facts. We would like to encourage the children to spend just 10 minutes each day practising their times tables. Short, regular practice can make a big difference!

We recommend using fun, interactive resources such as:

Times Tables Rock Stars: <https://trockstars.com/>

MathsFrame: <https://www.mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/category/22/mental-maths>

TimesTables.co.uk: <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

The more confidently children know their times tables, the easier they will find many areas of their maths learning. Every 10 minutes of practice helps!



### History & PE

In History, we have made an exciting start to our new topic on the Ancient Egyptians. The children have begun exploring what life was like in this fascinating civilisation and have been developing their skills as historians. We have looked at anachronisms and enjoyed spotting objects and ideas that would not have existed during Ancient Egyptian times. We will continue to investigate Ancient Egypt through artefacts and evidence, developing our ability to draw conclusions about the past.

In PE, we have started our new Invasion Games topic with a focus on rugby skills. The children have been developing their passing, catching and movement skills, while beginning to understand how to create space, work effectively as a team and make decisions when attacking and defending. They have made a fantastic start and have really enjoyed getting active!

You can find out more about what the children will be learning throughout Year 4, including our curriculum overviews, on the Southridge First School Year 4 Class Page:

[Southridge First School - Year 4 Curriculum Overview](#)

## Year 4 Residential Visit

Following the sad news that High Borrans will be permanently closing at the end of this half term and will therefore no longer be able to accommodate our planned residential visit in the Spring Term, we are pleased to share that we have successfully secured a booking at Robinwood's Dobroyd Castle site, near Todmorden in Yorkshire.

The residential will take place from 10th May in the Summer Term and, like High Borrans, will be a two-night stay. However, unlike previous years, both Year 4 classes will be able to attend together, making this a fantastic opportunity for all the children to share the experience.

We expect the cost to be in line with the original High Borrans visit, at approximately £350. We will be inviting parents and carers to an information evening where we will share further details and answer any questions you may have. Look out for details in forthcoming newsletters.

We hope the children are as excited about visiting Robinwood Dobroyd Castle as they would have been about visiting High Borrans, and we look forward to an enjoyable and memorable residential experience.

### Diary dates

Tuesday 15th September- Community beach clean

Thursday 17th September- Individual photos

**Egyptian trip to The Hancock Museum- TBC**

Monday 19th October- Parent Consultations

Tuesday 20th October- Parent Consultations

Thursday 22nd October - Last Day of Autumn 1 half term

Friday 23rd October- Teacher Training Day

### PE days

Year 4 PE lessons will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children need to come to school wearing their full PE kit on both days. PE days will be reviewed and updated each half term, so please check the class newsletter or school communications for any changes.



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