



YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 25th September

It has been a fantastic start to the new school year, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into Year 4. They have quickly adapted to our routines and expectations and have approached their learning with enthusiasm and determination. The children have been working hard, challenging themselves and making a positive contribution across all areas of the curriculum. We have also been particularly impressed by their excellent manners and respectful behaviour. Our visitors have commented on how polite, welcoming and well-mannered the children have been, which is a real credit to them.

English

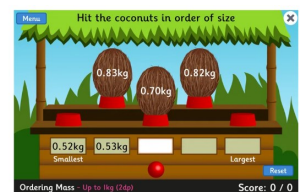
In English, the children have been building on their Year 3 knowledge and developing their descriptive writing skills. We have been extending expanded noun phrases by using 'with' to add greater detail and placing adverbs at the beginning of sentences, learning how to punctuate these correctly using commas. We have used *Harry Potter* as an exciting stimulus to explore and portray different feelings and emotions, linking this to our work on *Egyptian Cinderella*. The children have been thinking carefully about how the grammar choices they make can help to create a picture of a character in the reader's mind and show how that character is feeling. It has been fantastic to see the children becoming more confident in using these techniques to make their writing more descriptive and engaging.



Maths



In Maths, we have been building on our Year 3 knowledge of place value and developing our understanding of 4-digit numbers. The children have been comparing numbers using **greater than (>)** and **less than (<)**, ordering numbers and developing their understanding of Roman numerals. As part of our outdoor learning, we used chalk to create Roman numerals and began by linking these to numbers on a clock before developing our knowledge further through practical activities and equipment. We have also begun exploring formal written methods for addition and subtraction, focusing carefully on setting out the calculation correctly and understanding when and how to exchange. The children have worked hard to explain their mathematical thinking and apply their knowledge to increasingly challenging calculations. **Click on the image to play the ordering game.**



PE

In PE, the children have been developing their invasion game skills, with a particular focus on creating space and passing. They have been learning how to move effectively to create space away from a defender, giving their teammates a clear opportunity to pass the ball. The children have also been developing their passing and receiving skills, focusing on being ready to receive the ball, watching the passer and communicating clearly with their teammates. It has been fantastic to see them beginning to understand how movement, communication and teamwork can help their team keep possession and work towards creating opportunities to score.



Computing

In Computing, the children have been learning how to search the web effectively and safely. They have been developing their understanding of how search engines work and learning how to choose appropriate keywords to find the information they need. We have also focused on e-safety, discussing how to stay safe online, recognise information that may be unreliable and understand what to do if they come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable or concerned. The children have been developing their skills in becoming responsible and sensible internet users and have enjoyed putting their searching skills into practice.



Proud to make a positive
impact

Diary dates

Monday 12th October- Y4 Harvest performance 14:45-15:15

Egyptian trip to The Hancock Museum- Tuesday 13th October- Parent help required please.

Tuesday 13th October- Robinwood parent presentation-4:45-5:15

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