

Year 4 Autumn 2026

Welcome...

We would like to wish both you and your children a very warm welcome to Year 4. We hope this year is an opportunity for the children to continue to develop their critical and creative thinking, their positive growth mindsets and their Berrywood values within a curriculum that is filled with many new, exciting learning opportunities. We are all looking forward to working closely with all of the children and learning a great many things together.

Curriculum

Project: 'Finders Keepers: Ancient Egypt'

English: Contrasting diary writing; Historical Narratives – exploring Tutankhamun's tomb; poetry; suspense writing; Horrible History style information writing

Maths: Number, addition and subtraction (numbers to 1000); Multiplication and Division; Powers of 10

Reading: The Book Cat; Nicola Davies Animal Books

Science: Materials – Solids, Liquids and Gases; Electricity

Art: Clay Tiles

DT: Making Egyptian inspired bread rolls

PE: Ancient Egyptian dance; Football; Gymnastics; Basketball

Weekly Routines

Monday

- Indoor PE

Tuesday

- Library (please remember to bring library books in to return and swap)

Wednesday

- Spanish
- Outdoor PE

Thursday

- Singing Assembly

Friday

- Achievement Assembly
- Times Tables test

Times Tables

As part of the National Curriculum, all primary school children are expected to have rapid recall of their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4. In order to support the children in achieving this goal, we would like them to practise them regularly at home to supplement the work they are doing in class. We do learn them in a particular order so that they can identify links and patterns:

2 x	10 x	5 x	4 x	8 x	3 x	6 x	9 x	7 x	11 x	12 x
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Please support your child in learning them as much as possible. Little and often is the best way to learn and retain times tables facts, so even a few minutes a few times a week will really help. There are many fun ways to practise them: chanting; singing; throwing and catching as you say them; writing them in different colours, making flash cards etc. There are also lots of online games and apps available. Your child should already have a password for *Times Table Rock Stars* account so that they can practise on-line either using a PC or by downloading the app onto a device – please let us know if you have any problems with accessing the site.

Reading

Whole-class reading sessions will continue in Year 4, as will our weekly library visits. The children will have opportunities to share their love of reading, explore a wide range of genres and authors, and be part of an environment that empowers everyone to enjoy a positive reading experience. You can support this by regularly discussing the books your child is reading and recording these in their Reading Record book. Remember to read at least four times a week and ensure the Reading Record is signed—this gives your child a chance to win a book from the Berrywood Book Vending Machine! Children are also encouraged to bring a book from home to enjoy during quiet moments in the classroom.

Dates for your Diary...

19.10.26 – Autumn Market Days

22.10.26 – Visitor from 'Portals in the Past' to enhance our *Finders Keepers: Ancient Egyptians* project. The children have the opportunity to **dress up** for this event.

26.10.26 Half-Term

27.11.26 – INSET day

10.11.26 & 12.11.26 – Parent's Evenings

11.11.26 & 12.11.26 –TR/4 Parents' Evenings

18.11.26 & 20.11.26 – Individual Photographs

07.12.26 – Celebration Event (pm)

04.12.26 – Christmas Fayre and Market

18.12.26 – Early Option Finish

19.12.25 – Christmas Holidays – optional early finish at 1:15pm

Keep in touch...

Communications can be made to your child's class teacher through 'Class Dojo'. Dojo is useful for quick communications about areas such as curriculum news or specific messages regarding behaviour and should be your first 'port of call' if you have any concerns. Your child's class teacher will access and respond to dojo messages around the school day and after school, during office hours. For communications regarding absence or any prolonged communications, please continue to email the school office or phone reception.

Finally...

Your child will need to bring a labelled bottle to school – water only please. Please continue to provide your child with a healthy, low packaged snack for morning play.