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Welcome to Year 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to you and your child! We hope that they are continuing to enjoy their Berrywood journey in Year 4. The Year 4 team have very much enjoyed getting to know your children over these first few weeks, and seeing them quickly settle into the year group.

We hope that you and your child have found the transition from Year 3 to Year 4 a smooth one. As both year groups are part of our Lower Key Stage 2 team, you will find there are many similarities to your child's school experience as they move from Year 3 to Year 4. However, you may have some questions about life and expectations in Year 4. Below is a list of frequently asked questions that may help to address some of these initial queries.

1. What does my child's day look like?

Very similar to Year 3! Below gives a typical timetable for Year 4:

8.30 – 8.50	Register and feedback time
8.50 – 9.50	Maths
9.50 – 10:40	Reading or Securing and Deepening Maths
10.40 – 10.55	BREAK
10.55 – 12.00	English
12.00 – 1.00	LUNCH
1.00 – 3.05	Project/Science
3.05 – 3.15	Story
3:15	HOMETIME

2. When will PE be?

*As in Year 3, we have an indoor and outdoor session each week. Initially, indoor PE is on a Monday for RH4 and LPHL4, and Tuesday for AR4. Outdoor PE is on a Friday for the whole year group. However, these slots may change through the year – please keep an eye on your child's classroom window information for updates! Please bring in suitable kit for all weather (shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE, tracksuit/jogging bottoms and sports shoes for outdoor PE). These should all be **clearly named** to prevent loss or mix ups. A reminder also that earrings need to be covered with tape or removed, and long hair tied back for safety in these lessons.*

As part of the KS2 curriculum, Year 4 pupils will have swimming lessons in the summer term. Further details will follow nearer the time.

3. Can my child bring in a pencil case?

No, we have enough stationery for all pupils in school, and not bringing in pencil cases helps to prevent arguments between individuals. Thank you also to parents and carers for following our new rule around not sending in large backpacks; the use of bookbags has improved your child's learning environment, by allowing more space and easier access to their belongings.

4. What home learning will my child receive?

Children will be given one piece of home learning a fortnight which will usually be maths, English or project based. Homework is usually handed out on a Thursday, and due back in on a Monday. The children are also given weekly spellings, which are differentiated based on their current spelling ability. Spellings will come home on a Tuesday this year. In addition, children will have a weekly times table test on their focus times table; your child will be informed which times table they should be practising at home.

Library books will continue to be brought home weekly, with the Year 4 library day being Tuesday. Library books can also be changed more frequently if requested.

We are also pleased to announce that a Maths Home Learning book is being introduced to the children this year. As part of their homework, children will be given specific pages to complete. Please do not allow your child to do additional pages...as much as I am sure some would like to! We encourage all children to have high expectations, and complete all the assigned pages if possible. However, if your child is finding that week's maths home learning challenging, encourage them to get as far as they can before stopping. Please also speak to your child's class teacher if they are repeatedly finding aspects of home learning difficult.

5. What other changes are there to the curriculum in Year 4?

Music: The Year 4 pupils are very fortunate to have 'Listen to Me' music lessons through the year. These are led by Hampshire Music Service. During these lessons, children get an opportunity to learn how to play some different instruments, as well as to continue their general music development and understanding. Parents/carers will be invited in for occasional 'showcases' of their learning through the year!

6. Which projects are covered in Year 4?

Projects/key topic areas covered in Year 4 include:

- Tomb Raiders (History - Ancient Egypt)*
- Berrywood Body Investigators (Science – The Digestive System)*
- Wessex Warriors (History – Anglo Saxons)*
- Habitats (Geography/Science – Animal Habitats)*

We will continue to plan immersive opportunities linked to key projects, such as through 'Hook Days', Celebration Events, expert visitors, and off-site visits.

7. How can I access more information?

Please speak directly to your child's class teacher in the first instance. You can also send your child's class teacher a message via 'Class Dojo' if you have signed up for this. Please remember that this system is for short messages and queries only; longer discussions and queries regarding more complex matters are always better face to face where possible.

There will be consultation evenings for parents/carers later this term, for any additional questions you may have.

We look forward to teaching the Year 4 children, and working with you to support your children's learning throughout the school year.

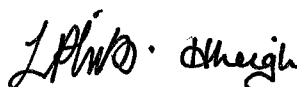
Kind regards,



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