

# Year 4 Autumn 2024

## Welcome...

We would like to wish both you and your children a very warm welcome to Year 4. We hope that Year 4 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 exploring our new facilities which will further enhance our project work and provide the children with a plethora of new skills and knowledge.

## Curriculum

**Project:** 'Finders Keepers: Ancient Egypt'

**English:** Historical Narratives – exploring Tutankhamun's tomb

**Maths:** Number, addition and subtraction (numbers to 1000)  
Multiplication and Division

**Science:** Materials – Solids, Liquids and Gases

**Art:** Clay Tiles

**DT:** Making Egyptian inspired bread rolls

The Year 4 pupils are very fortunate to have 'Listen to Me' music lessons throughout the year, 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.

## Weekly Routines

Monday

- Spanish
- Indoor PE

Tuesday

- Library
- 'Listen to Me'

Wednesday

- Outdoor PE

Thursday

- Singing Assembly

Friday

- Achievement Assembly
- New spellings to be added to Google classroom
- Spelling 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 continue into Year 4 as do our weekly library sessions. The children will have opportunities to share their love for reading, have exposure to a range of genres and authors and be part of an environment which empowers all to have a positive reading experience. You can help this by regularly sharing the books your child is reading with you in their Reading Record books. We will be having weekly 'galleries' of our records which highlight the importance of reading in the home, provides time for the children to talk about books and offers teachers time to celebrate reading successes. The children are also encouraged to bring in a book from home to read during quiet moments in the classroom.

## 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 bottle to school – water only please. Please continue to provide your child with a healthy, low packaged snack for morning play.

## Dates for your Diary...

**18.10.24 & 29.11.24** – INSET days

**21.10.24** – Market Days

**23.10.24 and 25.10.24** – Individual Photographs

**3.11.24** – Fireworks Night

**5.11.24 & 7.11.24** – Parent's Evenings

**7.11.24** – 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.

**2.12.24** – Celebration Event (pm)

**06.12.24** – Christmas Fayre and Market

**W/C 16.12.24 (date tbc)** – Christmas Performances

**20.12.24** – Christmas Holidays – optional early finish at 1:15pm