

Year 4 Spring 2025

Welcome ... Happy New Year! We're back! We hope that you all had a restful, enjoyable Christmas and that your children had a well earned break.

The new term sees us exploring our school grounds, making comparisons with environments different to our own and considering how our actions and choices can have an impact on the world around us. We will be delving into the unknown depths of the Arctic as we discover more about the landscapes, biomes and phenomena of the countries which are part of the Arctic Circle. We will be learning about the explorers of the past and the present as well as the impact of climate change on this fascinating part of the world. Opportunities will include: pond dipping, cooking and many more practical learning experiences. Exciting times ahead!

Curriculum

Project: 'The Arctic: A Disappearing World'

Reading: Leila and Blue Fox by Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Journey to Jo'Burg by Beverley Naidoo

English: During Spring 1, we will be writing persuasive letters with an environmental focus and creating museum plates about the hybrid animals created by the children. Following this, in Spring 2, we will be writing playscripts and writing contrasting poems inspired by Robert Laurence Dunbar and Maya Angelou.

Maths: This term the children will be exploring tenths and hundredths through: interpreting decimals; comparing and ordering decimal fractions; and multiplying, adding and subtracting fractions. In our money unit, we will compare and calculate different measures including pounds and pence. Finally, we will be exploring formal methods for short division and multiplication.

Science: Habitats. We will be classifying living things in different ways; constructing and interpreting food chains and recognising that environmental change can pose dangers to living things.

Art: Ted Harrison inspired Art. The children will be creating different images of the animals and landscape of the Arctic by utilising a variety of different media.

DT: Designing and creating Arctic Grabber prototypes.

Music: The Year 4 pupils are very fortunate to have 'Listen to Me' music lessons throughout the year, led by Hampshire Music Service. This term, the children will be learning the Ukulele.

Finally...

Many of the children are now on their mixed times tables and are working on their recall, at speed. We would recommend the 'sound track' option on Times Tables Rockstars as it replicates the style of questioning and time frames of the check. Keep up the hard work! In addition, further ways to support your child's learning at home is to practise telling the time on both digital and analogue clocks. Please keep encouraging your children to read regularly at home as this is such an important way to support your child's learning. Spellings will continue to be posted every Friday. You can support your child by practising these as well as other words which follow the same pattern or rule. We have been delighted to have the opportunity to begin rewarding the conscientious and precise joined handwriting demonstrated by many of the year 4 children with their pen licences! This means that those children may now use a pen during any writing opportunities. We look forward to giving these out to many more of our children this term.

Y4 Celebration event
FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025

In Spring 2, we are delighted to be able to invite the children to a school sleep-over! Inspired by our project learning, the children will complete a variety of Arctic themed activities, have dinner together and sleep on the classroom floors – our very own Berrywood expedition! More information will follow shortly regarding timings of the event and further details.

Weekly Routines

Monday

- Indoor PE

Tuesday

- Library
- 'Listen to Me'

Wednesday

- Outdoor PE

Thursday

- Singing Assembly

Friday

- New spellings to be added to Google Classroom
- Spelling test
- Times Tables test
- Achievement Assembly

Please ensure your child is provided with tracksuit bottoms and a waterproof coat for PE in case of inclement weather.

Snacks

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

Dates for your Diary...

10.02.25 and 31.03.25 – Market Place

14.02.25 – INSET Day

06.03.2025 – World Book Days (children may dress up for this event)

11.03.25 and 13.03.25 – Parents'

Evening

21.03.25 – MF4, RH4 and LM4 School Sleepover

25.03.25 – Open door event for parents at 3:15

4.04.25 – Last day of term