

Year 4 Summer Term

Happy Easter and welcome back to a new term in Year 4! What a pleasure it has been to welcome back all of the children after the Easter holidays. We hope that you had a restful break.

Writing

This term, our first writing unit will be looking at the fantastic 'How we lived in ancient times' by Ben Hubbard. The book covers many different civilisations throughout the world. This book will be used to develop the children's diary writing skills. The children will use descriptive language to build a picture in the readers mind while also continuing to ensuring we are using full stops, capital letters fronted adverbials and speech correctly regardless of the subject being taught. For the second writing unit, we will be exploring a non-fiction text about whether social media should be banned for children under the age of 13. For this unit of writing, the children will need to provide facts and attempt to persuade the reader to agree with what they've written.

Maths

Maths continues to look at decimals, with the children applying their times table facts to a range of mathematical questions and problems. We will then move onto money, time and shape. Later on into the spring term, we will be learning all about statistics, position and direction. We will use concrete and pictorial representations where possible to help the children best understand each different mathematical concept.

Each week, we celebrate their achievements on Times Tables Rockstars and get to see who our top three performers are! Please encourage the children to practice their times tables on TTRockstars 2-3 times a week as this will ensure fluency with their multiplication facts. As a result, they'll feel more confident during maths lessons.

The login details for TTRockstars can be found on the front page of their diaries
TTRockstars - <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/undefined/password>

PSHE

For PSHE, we will cover keeping safe while cycling. The children will be able to identify what is a risky choice. Also, they will create a set of rules for and identify ways of keeping safe.

Science

Our next science topic is sound. We will explore Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating. Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.

Furthermore, the children will be carrying out scientific investigations and using their observational skills to make conclusions and spot patterns as real scientists do!

History

For this term, we are covering the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. The Viking raids on Lindisfarne will be covered alongside the eventual invasion of Britain. In addition, we will discuss Danelaw and Alfred the Great. To conclude, the children will present a balanced argument on the highs and lows of the Vikings in England. They will use many different skills of a historian such as being able to compare and contrast, examining different sources and have debates.

PE

Our PE days for the Spring 1 half term are Thursday and Friday. During our Thursday sessions, our topic is hockey which is delivered by Mr Wells. During the lessons, the children will be practicing the skills and covering the rules of the game before putting them into practice in group activities. On a Friday, our lesson will be about gymnastics where we will be practicing different skills and movements. These lessons will be delivered by Mr Wells and your class teacher.

Please ensure your children are wearing the correct PE uniform on these days, all jewellery is removed before school on these days and long hair is tied up. **Earrings must be removed for PE and cannot be covered with plasters.**

Keep in touch

We continue to value working together to help the children be the best that they can be. We continue to use Class Dojo to communicate any non-urgent messages and we will get back to you as soon as we can. For urgent messages such as sickness, absences or appointments, we ask you contact the school office. The school office can be contacted either by phone and a message will be passed on to us to get back to you as soon as it is convenient to do so or the office can be emailed at office@berryhill.notts.sch.uk.

**We are all very excited for another fabulous term
From the Year 4 Team**