

Year 4 Autumn term 2025

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have had a good summer and would like to welcome you and your child to Year 4. It will be a fun packed and exciting year with lots of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. We are an experienced team and are looking forward to helping your child settle in quickly.

Classes: We have three classes in Year 4

Teachers	Mr Goodship Hawthorn Class	Mr Ebling Elm Class	Miss Simpson Elder Class
Teaching assistants	Mrs Hussain, Mrs Baig and Mrs Akhtar		

At the Brushfield site, school starts at 8.45 and finishes at 3.15. At the end of the day your child will wait for you to collect them on the playground by the yellow basketball court. If you are late your child will be waiting for you safely in reception.

Curriculum

- All the staff at Berridge work hard to deliver an exciting and engaging curriculum for your children. For this term's topic we will be asking the big learning question: *Can you find the treasure?* This will include building on orienteering skills and applying knowledge when creating a treasure map.
- Our class book will be the *Pirate Blunderbeard* by Amy Sparkes and Ben Cort. The children will have a chance to pick the next book democratically.
- In maths we will briefly recap Year 3 skills before building on their understanding of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and applying this knowledge within reasoning problems.
- Times tables knowledge is key to being a successful mathematician, particularly in Year 4 where all children are expected to take a national government test in June. Please support their learning by using the [Times Tables Rock stars website](#) and checking their knowledge regularly. Children are expected to know all their tables (1-12) and recall the answers quickly.



- You will be emailed your child's knowledge organiser to support all their topic learning. Knowledge organisers contain: prior learning, what they will be learning this topic, key vocabulary, key facts and QR codes to access more information. Please take the time to go over this with your child as it will greatly help their learning in school.
- Support is available on how to help your child progress at school at <https://www.berridgeprimary.com/school-curriculum/>

Water + Snack

- Please send your child to school with a named water bottle containing fresh water every day, not juice.

- Your child can bring a healthy snack to eat at break time- no sweets, chocolate or crisps (as traditionally, these aren't that healthy). Alternatively, they can bring 2Op and buy a piece of fruit from our school shop.

Sports

- It is very important that your child's PE kit is kept in school at all times as they will be needing it several times a week.
- PE kit should be labelled and brought in a labelled bag.
- PE kit should be blue, grey, white or black. We would prefer no football shirts.
- Children should not come to school in PE kit, but get changed in school
- Earrings should be removed or covered before coming to school on PE days. We cannot be responsible for looking after jewellery removed for PE.
- PE days are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Expectations

Here are some ways in which you can help support your children's learning at home:

- Reading is the key to success. We teach them to read and offer them plenty of opportunity to learn from their reading, but they need to be doing it at home to perfect this. Hear them read regularly at home, at least 3 times a week, but ideally your child should be reading every day. Remember to write in your child's diary and bring their reading diary to school every day.
- Help them to learn their times tables.
- Encourage them to complete Home Learning Challenges that complement their topic learning. This half term they are;
 - Design a pirate flag. How will you intimidate the enemy? How will you make sure that it can be seen from far away?
 - Make a cutlass, treasure chest or even a pirate ship. How imaginative can you be?
 - Write a list of rules to help your pirates behave when they are on your ship. How will you keep your shipmates in order?
- Throughout the year, we will be teaching your child about our school values (resilient, responsible, curious, cooperative, reflective and respectful). It is our strong belief that if we work together to help children understand and apply these values, they will have a successful future.

Behaviour

- We are continuing to employ the *Class Dojo* system to encourage good behaviour and to support a positive attitude to learning. This system has been used successfully over the last year and the children will be fully aware about how it works.
- The class rules at Brushfield are the same as Bobbers Mill:
 - Work hard and always try your best
 - Take care of our school and all the things in it
 - Do as you are asked straight away
 - Be kind and respectful to everyone
- We look forward to meeting you all at the first parents meeting on Wednesday 8th October.

Yours sincerely,
The Year 4 team