

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you have had a good Christmas break and would like to welcome you and your child back. It is a fun packed and exciting term with lots of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom.

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

Curriculum

- For this term's topic we will be asking "Where does water come from and where does it go?" This will include investigating solid, liquids and gases and also where the source of the River Leen is.
- In maths, we will be looking at multiplication & division, and length & perimeter.
- In our writing lesson, we will be looking at information texts and writing one about the Water Cycle. We will also be writing persuasive speeches about cleaning up our local rivers.
- 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 continue to support their learning by using the Times Tables Rock stars website and checking their knowledge regularly.
- Your child will be sent via email a home 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/>
- There are also White Rose maths booklets available for each year group.

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-no football shirts.
- No earrings are allowed whilst participating in their PE lesson.
- Year 4 have PE on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Water + Snack

- Please continue to send your child to school with a named water bottle with fresh water every day, not juice.
- Your child can bring a healthy snack to eat at break time, no sweets, chocolate or crisps. Alternatively, they can bring 20p and buy a piece of fruit from here.

Expectations

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

- Hear them read regularly at home, at least 3 times a week. Remember to write in your child's diary and they bring it to school every day.
- Encourage them to complete Home learning Challenges that complement their topic learning. This half term they are;
 - Find different examples of solids, liquids and gases at home and categorise them.
 - Explain a change of state at home. Can you share it with someone else at home and describe it to them?
 - Our local river is the River Trent. Can you research and record some facts about it?
- Further homework can be found at [Year 4 | Berridge Primary School](#)
- Throughout the year, we will be teaching your child about our school values (curious, resilient, cooperative, reflective, respectful, responsible). This term it is resilience. 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

- The class rules are still the same and we will continue to use dojo as our reward system.
 - 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

Finally

- A reminder about the importance of good attendance. The school aims for 96% attendance. If your child is not at school they will be missing important learning which is difficult to catch up on. Remember that the school can administer medicine.
- Watch out for the monthly newsletter that is emailed out to you.

Yours sincerely
The Year 4 team