

Dear Parents and carers,

The sun is shining so welcome to the summer term at Berridge. It is an important time for children as they prepare to transition to the next year in their school life.

In the first part of the Summer Term, Year 4 will be answering the question '*How can I have a positive impact on our local environment?*'. This will include researching, and making bird houses and bug hotels, as well as looking at ways to improve our local area. The second question we will be asking is '*Which area of France would you like to visit?*' Here, we will be studying the human and physical geography of France, look at French artists and read the book 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell.

You should have been emailed your child's knowledge organiser which explains everything your child needs to know about the topic they are studying. This is for you to look at together and provide you with a prompt to discuss your child's learning with them. They also include the vocabulary they need for the topic and QR codes for you to scan for more information.

Year 4 pupils will be continuing to learn the ukulele. We will also be doing more sports outside, fingers crossed, so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times and is wearing sensible shoes. All 3 classes will be swimming every Wednesday throughout the Summer Term, so please ensure they have either swimming trunks/swimming costume and a towel.

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know their times tables facts up to and including 12 times tables fluently. Your child will be completing a national online test, so please support your child over the next few weeks with times tables facts to help them prepare. To help them practice their times tables, remember your child's TT Rockstars login is stuck in their reading diary.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of hearing your child read. Reading is the most important thing you could be doing with your child at home to support their learning. Read with them, to them and listen to them read to you. Find out what they are into, and get books about that subject! The library is only round the corner from the school.

You should also be helping your child to complete home learning challenges, which are research or creative themed, and based on the topic we are studying. These are displayed in every class and they have also been emailed to you, so keep an eye for them.

Finally, we would like to remind you that school starts at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm. It is important your child comes to school every day so they can continue to make progress with their learning. Missing school does mean your child can fall behind and it can be difficult to catch up. If your child needs medicine during the day, please speak to the school office who can complete forms and help make arrangements. Coughs and colds are normal and these should not prevent children coming to school on a regular basis. Please speak to the school office who can assist if you have queries over absence. Further information can be found on our school website. Don't forget to send your child to school with a water bottle, which should be taken home every night and cleaned, and a snack to eat at play time.

Many thanks,

Miss Simpson, Mr Ebling and Mr Goodship