

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 4 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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End of Spring Term

Year 4 have had a brilliant second term! We've thoroughly enjoyed our swimming lessons and learning about the influence of the Ancient Egyptians on our lives today. You can see photos at the end of this newsletter.

Find out more about what's coming up next term...



In the Summer term we will be learning ...

In history, we'll learn about the settlement by the Anglo Saxons and the Scots. We'll be asking '*How did England change after the Anglo-Saxon settlement?*' We'll also use our **Geography** knowledge to answer the question, '*Why do humans settle where they do?*'

In science, we'll learn about electricity, including creating simple circuits and making switches. Later in the term we will learn about states of matter, identifying solids, liquids and gasses. We begin to learn about the water cycle and identify where evaporation and condensation take place. We will present our findings to Year 2 pupils as part of our oracy curriculum.

We continue our push on **times tables and** should be confident in all our facts to 12x12. You can support your child by practicing these at home daily. Ask quick fire questions, play games and encourage use of Times Tables Rockstars.

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In other subjects...

In DT we'll be focussing on cooking and nutrition.

In computing we will learn to edit and enhance photos, considering both the positive and negative reasons people choose to do so. We'll also learn to create and share podcasts.

In art we'll learn how artists such as Edgar Degas show movement in their art. We will be inspired by Picasso to create our own sculptures.

In RE we introduce the theme of pilgrimage, looking at it through the lens of both religious and non-religious worldviews.

In PSHE we will think about being our best and keeping ourselves safe.

In PE we will develop our athletics skills and learn the skills required to play rounders.

In Music we will compose and play pentatonic melodies.

In French we will learn how to talk and write about our bodies.

Maths

We'll apply our known times tables facts when solving multi step word problems and scaling questions.

We will order and compare numbers with up to 2 decimal places and apply our understanding of rounding to round decimal numbers to the nearest whole number.

We will also learn to recognise the decimal equivalents to $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$. Our counting will focus on counting forwards and backwards in hundredths

We will revisit coordinates and describe movements as translations using up/down and left/right.

English

We will study the text, 'Beowulf', and use this to inspire setting descriptions. We will create our own legend inspired by the saga of Beowulf and his enemy Grendel.

In summer 2 we will write non chronological reports, demonstrating our knowledge of the Anglo Saxons.

We will continue with daily spelling lessons, the words for the Summer Term will be sent home to learn. We also continue to refine our handwriting, developing stamina and speed.

Our daily Book Club sessions will continue and children are expected to read the pages set each night.

We'd love any volunteers for 'Secret Story Teller'
Please let your child's teacher know if you're able to come in and read to the class.

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Celebrating the Spring Term in Year 4

