

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



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Welcome

The children have quickly settled back into another year. They are showing real maturity and great attitudes to learning which will stand them in good stead for Year 4. All the teachers are very impressed with their new classes.



This term we are learning ...

In geography, we're learning all about South America and answering the key question, '*How is life different in South America to Scunthorpe? How is it similar?*' We'll carry out a local fieldwork visit to investigate the similarities and differences between our local woodland and the Amazon Rainforest.

In science, we'll look at grouping living things and begin to use classification keys. We will also consider how habitats change, linking this to deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest.

We have a big push on **times tables** in Year 4. You can support your child by practicing these at home daily. Ask quick fire questions, play games and encourage use of Times Tables Rockstars.

Every Child • Every Chance • Every Day

In other subjects...

In DT we'll design, make and evaluate our own tote bags.

In computing we're learning about how loops are used in programming to repeat actions. We'll use these to draw 2D shapes and patterns. We'll also learn how the internet works.

In art we'll be using the works of Beatriz Milhazes and Romero Britto to inspire our own work.

In RE we are learning about how and where Hindus worship and also about the 5 Pillars of Islam.

In PSHE we will be focussing on celebrating difference.

In PE we are learning the skills of basketball and developing our problem solving and orienteering skills. Next half term we will be studying dance, including South American Samba, and ball skills.

In Music we are comparing different versions of 'This little light of mine'

In French we are learning how to talk and write about playtime.

Maths this term

We have a new curriculum in maths. We're building our understanding of place value, learning to read, write, compare and order numbers to 10,000. We then use this to add and subtract numbers using a formal written method.

We'll continue to learn our times tables (6s, 9s and 12s) and apply these when multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers using short multiplication.

We will also learn about coordinates, area, perimeter, angles, triangles and quadrilaterals, time graphs and begin rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

In English ...

We will read stories set in the Amazon Rainforest and be inspired to write letters based on these. We will study non-fiction texts about animals and create our own non-chronological reports.

We will also look at the diary of an explorer and then write our own diary entry putting ourselves in the shoes of Steve Backshall from 'Deadly 60'.

We continue with daily spelling lessons. The words for this term have all been sent home to learn, please get in touch if these have got lost along the way!

We also continue to refine our handwriting, developing stamina and speed.

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.

