

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn A 2026



Welcome back!

An overview of planning for this half term is available on the school website under the 'What We Do' section. This sets out all the subjects and learning that children will be doing every week.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/>

Year 1 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Indoor PE Monday, Outdoor PE Friday.

PE kit: Children are expected to wear plain black bottoms, a plain black sweatshirt, a plain white t-shirt and suitable footwear for running.

Please remove earrings on PE days.

Behaviour: All children are expected to follow the school's behaviour and attitude policy linked to our key characters, promoting **cooperation, curiosity, improvement and resilience.**

Snacks: KS1 children are provided a fruit snack for playtimes. Milk can also be purchased for your child by completing a form from the office.

Lunches: School lunches must be booked via the School Grid. Children may opt to bring a packed lunch. It is essential that children are provided with a healthy packed lunch and one that gives them enough nutrition for the day's learning.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Water: Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle in school **every day** with unflavoured water only, please.

Book change: Reading books are changed on Mondays if your child has read at least 3 times and BERT books are changed on Thursday. **It is important to bring ALL books and a bookbag to school every day.**

Home Learning Information

Our Home Learning Strategy can be found on the school website.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/home-learning-strategy/>

This sets out a range of essential, as well as optional tasks, which are completed at home independently, or supported by a parent/carer.

Key home learning all year 1 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). Once your child has read their book, it should be placed in their school bag as it is needed **in school every day**. Lost and damaged books will incur a charge.
- Children to practise reading and writing 3 high frequency words a week from their Reading Record.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Logins can be found in your child's Reading Record.
- Maths practise online using **Numbots** and Anton (optional). Login in details for Numbots have been provided in your child's Reading Record.

Here are some suggestions of websites that your child can use. Please refer to the medium-term plan to see what we are covering and pick activities to match.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.math4children.com/year-1-math-games.html>

Speak to the class teacher if you do not have online access at home so we can look at options to support your child.

For further **optional home learning ideas**, refer to our Home Learning Ideas section attached to the end of this letter.

Our Year 1 Team



Mrs Ali
(Class Teacher)
Early Reading Lead



Ms Dean
(Class Teacher)
EYFS QED Lead



Mrs Lawrence
(Class Teacher)
QED Writing Lead



Ms Hughes Mrs Jones Mrs Ashman
(NNEB/Learning Support Assistants)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

September				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Staff INSET Day 	2 Staff INSET Day 	3 	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18 
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		
October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5 Bookings Open for Parent Teacher Consultations 	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19 All Harvest Festival donations collected this week 	20 Parent Teacher Consultations 	21	22 Parent Teacher Consultations 	23 

Year 1 Home Learning Ideas

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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term. Children may hand in completed tasks or evidence of home learning completed e.g., photographs, emailed to class teachers via the school office.

Be an Author...

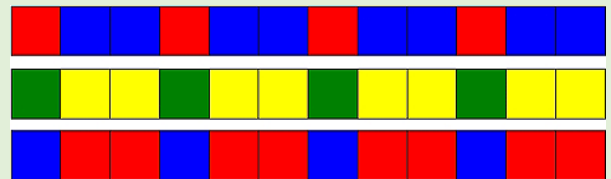
We will be reading stories written by the author Jill Murphy.

- Research Michael Jill Murphy and present information about her in any form.
- Read a story by Jill Murphy and then draw the main characters and label their characteristics.
- Learn the story by heart and retell it using different voices for the characters.



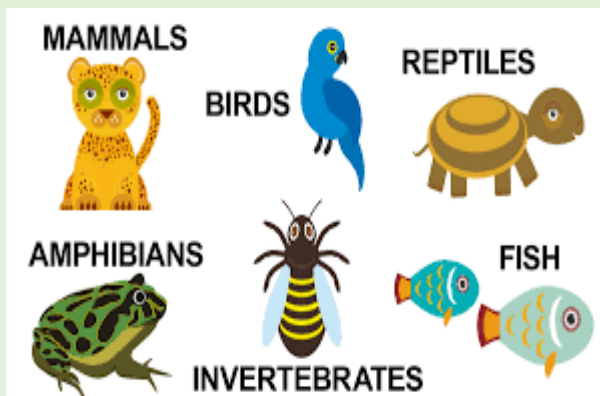
Be a Mathematician...

- Practice writing numbers 1-10.
- Learn number bonds for numbers 4-10.
- Do a shape hunt around your home and when you go out to the shops. Make a tally of each time you see a shape.
- Make repeating patterns with different objects in the home e.g socks, fruit and veg, pegs. Then draw your repeating pattern.



Be a Scientist...

We are learning about different animals and how to sort them into groups. Choose an animal and make a fact file about them.



Be a Meteorologist...

We are learning about the different seasons and also how to measure and record different types of weather.

- Keep a daily weather diary.
- Make a picture or collage for each season.
- Collect different leaves and seeds and say which tree they come from.

