

# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn A 2026



Welcome back; we hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year. This half term we will be focussing on **animals** including humans; living things and habitats in our science lessons. We will also be exploring drawing techniques using a range of materials and using paint to explore texture and pattern in our art lessons.

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 2 Expectations and Arrangements

**PE days:** Our PE days are Tuesday (indoor) and Fridays (outdoor). Children to wear their PE kits and trainers on these days.

**PE kit:** Children are expected to wear plain black shorts/long bottoms (while the weather is colder), a plain black sweatshirt, a plain white t-shirt and suitable footwear for running.

**Behaviour:** All children are expected to follow the 5 R's:  
**Respectful** to All,  
**Ready** to Learn,  
**Resilient** and never giving up,  
**Reflective** and always trying to improve,  
**Responsible** behaviour at all times.

**Snacks:** KS1 children are provided a fruit snack for playtimes. Milk can also be purchased for your child by completing the form we will provide.

**Lunches:** If your child is school dinners please book your child's lunch on School Grid for each day.

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 water bottle in school each day with unflavoured/non fizzy water only.

### 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 2 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). We will be changing their book on a Wednesday.
- **Spelling practice** online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Spelling practice using year 2 list.
- **TTRS** and **Numbots** are also available using your **MyLogin** passcode on the school website to practise times tables and number bonds.
- **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform (optional).
- Optional **CGP book** practice.

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 2 Team



**Miss Habtes**  
(Class Teacher)



**Mrs Doogan**  
(Class Teacher)  
Travel Ambassadors & Eco  
Committee Lead



**Mrs Agathangelo**  
(Higher Level Teaching  
Assistant)



**Mrs Erum Dodhy**  
(Learning Support  
Assistant)

## Key Events and Dates this Half term

| September                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                             |
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| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                                                | Friday                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 Staff INSET Day<br>                 | 2 Staff INSET Day<br> | 3<br>                                 | 4                                                                                           |
| 7 <b>Home Learning</b><br>Information shared this week<br><br><br>CGP Books offered for sale (optional use) | 8                                                                                                                      | 9                                                                                                      | 10                                                                                                                      | 11                                                                                          |
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| 21                                                                                                                                                                                           | 22                                                                                                                     | 23                                                                                                     | 24                                                                                                                      | 25                                                                                          |
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| October                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                             |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                              | Thursday                                                                                                                | Friday                                                                                      |
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| 5 Bookings Open for Parent Teacher Consultations<br>                                                      | 6                                                                                                                      | 7                                                                                                      | 8                                                                                                                       | 9                                                                                           |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                           | 13                                                                                                                     | 14                                                                                                     | 15                                                                                                                      | 16                                                                                          |
| 19 All Harvest Festival donations collected this week<br>                                                 | 20 Parent Teacher Consultations<br> | 21                                                                                                     | 22 Parent Teacher Consultations<br> | 23<br> |

# Year 2 Home Learning Ideas

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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

### Be an Author...

We will be reading 'The Worries' by Jion Sheibani.

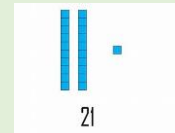
- Write some facts about the main character in the book.
- Design a new front cover for 'The Worries' by Jion Sheibani.



### Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about numbers within 100 and how these can be represented, addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers which include word problems.

- Practise counting from 0 to 100 and back again.
- Practise writing numbers from 0 to 100.
- Practise drawing a 2 digit number using dienes.



- Choose two different 2 digit numbers and add them together or subtract the smaller number from the larger number.



### Be a Scientist...

We are learning about the habitats of different animals & minibeasts and living things.

- Can you draw and name 10 living things from an outdoor environment?
- Do you know or can you find out 3 different habitats and which animals might live there?



### Be an Artist...

We are exploring drawing techniques using a range of materials and using paint to explore texture and pattern.

- Can you draw a pencil sketch of your favourite animal?
- Can you paint your animal adding different textures and patterns?

