

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn A 2026



Welcome back,
We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. This half term is full of fantastic activities which we are sure your children will enjoy.

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 4 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days:

Tuesdays - swimming

Fridays - outdoor

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: KS2 children are allowed to bring in their own snacks for playtimes. These snacks must be healthy and not sugary treats, e.g., fresh and dried fruit, crackers, breakfast bars and popcorn.

Lunches: 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 4 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). Children will be keeping track of their reading in school.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Spelling practice using year 4 list.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (3-4 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French/ **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform.
- 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 4 Team



Mrs Wilden
(Class Teacher)
QED Maths Lead



Mr Harvey
(Class Teacher)
School Council Lead



Miss Pearce
(Class Teacher)
Art and DT Lead



Mrs Smith
(Learning Support
Assistant)

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 

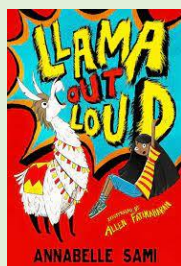
Year 4 Home Learning Ideas

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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...

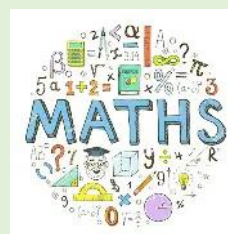
We will be reading Llama out loud by Annabelle Sami.



- Research Annabelle Sami and record information about her.
- Read another book by Annabelle Sami and write a book review about it.
- Design a front cover for 'Llama out loud' or one of her other books.

Be a mathematician...

We will be learning about large numbers. See if you can spot large numbers being used in the environment. That might be at home or when you walk to school.



Be a chef...

- In DT, we will be making a healthy salad.
- Why not make a funny face salad at home with your family.



Be a Cyber Security Specialist...

In computing, you will be learning about online safety and the internet. Design a poster which shows things you should do to keep safe on the internet.

