

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn A 2026



Welcome back to a new school year which will be busy with lots of exciting things to learn and do. This half term, we will be focussing on place value, multiplication and division in maths. It is important that your child knows their times tables up to 12 x 12 off by heart.

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 6 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Thursdays (indoor) and 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 6 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**. Children must play 3 games to practise their weekly spellings and a further 2 games to practise words from the statutory word list for Y5 and 6.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly for a minimum of 10 minutes).
- **Weekly Maths, Reading and Grammar pack** (each activity should take 10-15 minutes) and must be returned on following Thursday. This will start in Week 6. (w/b. 5th Oct).
- Optional Home Learning:
Duolingo to practice French and the **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects. Both are free learning platforms.

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 6 Team



**Ms Gaughran (Class Teacher)
QED Reading Lead**



**Mrs Rushton (Class Teacher)
Lead for Prefects and Lunch time
Clubs**



**Mrs Dean (Higher Level Teaching
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 Home Learning Information shared this week  CGP Books offered for sale (optional use)	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18 
21	22	23	24	25
28 Visit to Goodmayes Park for writing 	29	30		
October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
5 Bookings Open for Parent Teacher Consultations 	6	7	8 First Weekly Maths, Reading and Grammar pack handed out each Thursday and due back the following Thursday .	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 6 Home Learning Ideas

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

Be a Poet ...

We will be reading two poetry anthologies written by Benjamin Zephaniah:



- Create your own poems focusing on your own life or the world around you
- Publish them in your own anthology by creating a book out of a piece of paper (speak to Ms Gaughran if you can't remember how to make the folded books)

Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about integers, decimals, multiplication and division

- Have a go at some of the place value challenges from NRICH: <https://nrich.maths.org/8958>
- When shopping, work out the value of multiple items before you buy and the cost of individual items that come in multipacks.
- Practise rounding numbers to the nearest whole, tens, hundreds and thousands



Be a Scientist...

We will be learning about electricity and recognising, creating and adapting circuits.

- Identify every day circuits and their components around the home
- If you have a smart meter at home, find out how much electricity you use in 24 hours. When are you using the most amount of electricity?



Be an Artist...

We will be learning to make different marks to express movement and emotion as well as exploring how artist's create depth in their work with tone as well as using the idea of foreground, middle ground and background.

- Create your own landscape art piece to show depth. You could follow along with this youtube video as an introduction to this concept: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID-2Kib1ASA>