

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2026



Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable break. This half term, we will be learning about Diverse Britain (living in the wider world), In, music will focus on rhythm and pitch and in RE we will focus on how Christians celebrate Christmas. This will include a visit to a local Church! In addition, we explore our local area in geography and start to explore numbers up to 20 in maths.

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

Please email office@becontreeprimaryschool.com to contact any members of the team.

Mrs Lawrence
Class Teacher 1LD
QED Writing Lead
Ms Dean
Class Teacher 1LD
EYFS Lead

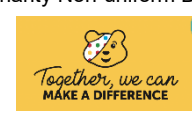
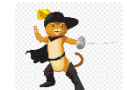
Mrs Ali
Class Teacher 1A
Early Reading Lead
Mrs Gallagher
Class Teacher 1A (Fridays)

Mrs Hughes
Mrs Jones
Mrs Ashman
Learning Support

Mrs Stock
Deputy Head Teacher
EYFS and Year 1

Mrs Reilly
Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Key Events and Dates this Half term

November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 	3	4	5	6
9	10	11 Diwali Event 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. 	12	13
16	17	18	19	20 Children in Need Charity Non-uniform Day 
23 Movie Night Tickets Available from today (collect from office - £3 each)	24	25	26	27
30 Christmas Singalong Tickets Available from today – collect in the playground (free of charge/2 per family)				
December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Naughty Elf Arrives  Christmas Cards shared from today	2	3	4
7 Year 1 – 6 Movie Nights 	8	9 Christmas Panto 	10 Reindeer Run EYFS/Year 1/Year 2/ARP/Zenden 	11
14 Orchestral Concert Y3 – 6 	15 Christmas Singalong Year 3 – 5 9.30 a.m. Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2 1.30 p.m. 	16 Christmas Singalong Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2 9.30 a.m. Year 3 – 5 1.30 p.m.  Christmas Fete 3.30 – 5.00 	17 Christmas Dinner  Jumper Day 	18 Christmas Parties  Last Day of School 

Year 1 Home Learning Ideas

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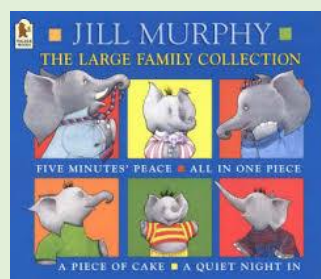
These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be an Author...

We will be reading stories written by the author Jill Murphy, such as 'On the way home.'

- Retell the story 'On the way home'.
- Draw a picture of your favourite character and describe them.
- Create a fact file about Jill Murphy. Use this website to help you.

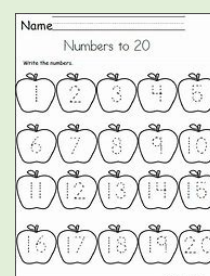
<https://www.jillmurphy.co.uk>



Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning to represent, compare and explore numbers from 10-20. This will include addition and subtraction.

- Practice writing numbers 11-20.
- Practice counting sets of objects in one's, two's and ten's.
- Continue learning number bonds for numbers 4-10.



Be a Reader...

- Can you challenge yourself to read at least 3 times a week for the whole half term?

Be a Geographer...

- When walking or travelling, make a tally to show different human and physical features.

- Write a book review of your favourite story.



- Make a plan to show the different rooms in your home.

