

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2026



Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable break. This half term, we will be learning about the seven continents of the world and exploring the similarities and differences between the UK and Kenya. We will also investigate our local weather conditions and observe how the weather changes over time. In history we will be learning about how schools have changed over time. In DT we will be investigating mechanisms and making a moving vehicle.

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 every 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

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

Mrs Doogan
 Class Teacher 2D
 Eco Committee Lead

Miss Habtes
 Class Teacher 2H

Mrs Agathangelou
 Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Stonier
 Deputy Head Teacher
 Year 2 - 6

Mrs Reilly
 Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Key Events and Dates this Half term

November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 	3 Year 2 Tea Party during school time (linked to Writing unit) 	4	5	6
9	10	11 Diwali Event 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. 	12	13
16	17 Year 2 Gurdwara Trip 	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	15 Christmas Singalong Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2 1.30 p.m. 	16 Christmas Singalong Nursery/Reception/Year 1/Year 2 9.30 a.m.  Christmas Fete 3.30 – 5.00 	17 Christmas Dinner  Jumper Day 	18 Christmas Parties   Return on Monday 4 th January

Year 2 Home Learning Ideas

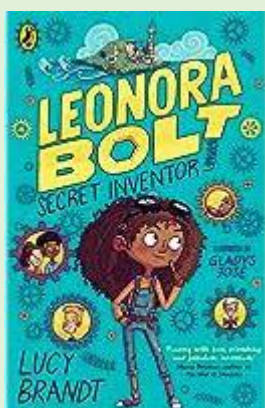
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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be an Author...

We will be reading 'Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor' by Lucy Brandt

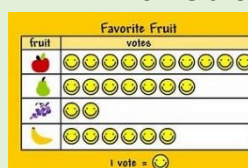


- Read another book by Lucy Brandt.
- Write about something you would invent.

Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning how to measure objects using rulers, metre sticks and tape measures. Then we will be learning how to represent and understand pictograms, block diagrams, tables and tally charts. Finally, we will be working on multiplication and division.

- Practise your 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Make a Tally chart and ask your family what is their favourite fruit. Then make a pictogram.
- Measure some objects around your house in centimetres (cm). Which is the longest? Which is the shortest?



Be a Geographer...

We are learning all about the seven continents of the world, comparing hot and cold countries and learning about the different weather in these places.



- Find out about some landmarks that are in each country in the UK.
- Ask your family which country they have visited. Find out which continent it is on.
- Compare a hot country with the UK and list how it is similar or different.

Be a Historian...

We are learning about learning about how schools have changed over time.



- Can you find an old photo of the Becontree Primary School building and compare it to our building now? How has it changed?
- Investigate what school would have been like for children in 1900s. What lessons would they have been taught? What equipment would they have used? How long would the school day have been?