

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring B 2026



This half term, we will be focussing on Sikhism in RE, rhythm and pitch in music and making sliders in DT as part of World Book Day celebrations. In maths we are continuing to extend our learning of addition and subtraction within 20. We will also begin to explore the concept of simple fractions as well as length and mass. We will also continue to develop phonics and apply our phonic knowledge to our independent writing. We will be going on a trip to Goodmayes library to continue to develop our love and enjoyment of books and stories.

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.

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/>

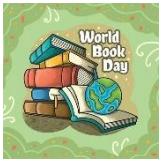
<https://www.math4children.com/year-1-math-games.html>

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			
			
Mrs Ali (Class Teacher) Early Reading Lead	Miss Hoad (Class Teacher)	Mrs Ashman (NNEB)	Ms Hughes and Mrs Jones (NNEB/Learning Support Assistants)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 	24	25	26	27
March				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5  Non-uniform: dress up as your favourite book character	6
9	10	11	12	13  Non-uniform: wear something red/donations collected
16	17 1H visit to Goodmayes library (parent volunteers needed) 	18	19 1A visit to Goodmayes library (parent volunteers needed) 	20
23 Movie Night  Times Tables and Spelling Challenge week	24	25 Eid Community Event 	26	27 

Year 1 Home Learning Ideas

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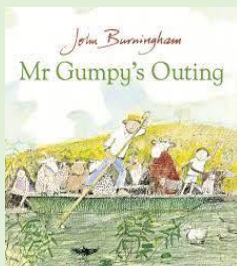
Please continue to learn the 45 tricky words for our spelling test each half term.

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 John Burningham

- Write your own version of one of his stories.
- Read this story to your family and bring it into school to share.
- Draw an illustration of your story like John does.



Be a Mathematician...

Addition and Subtraction within 20

- Practice fast recall of number bonds to 10.
- Know the value of each digit in a double digit number.
- Record double digits seen when out and about.
- Order them from the least value to the greatest value.



- Use an analogue clock to tell o'clock, half past and quarter past the hour times.
- Share pizza, cake, sweets, fruit into halves and quarters.

Be great at Phonics and Reading...

- Learn phase 2, 3 and 5 sounds using the sound mat.
- Write words and sentences using the phase 2,3 and 5 sounds.
- Play Phonics Play Buried Treasure and read real and alien words.
- Practise reading real and alien words on the home pack provided.
- Read and write the first 100 high frequency words.
- Visit the library and read diverse book genres.
- To read words in the environment
- (restaurants, shopping centres)



Be Smart with Money...

- Link to maths and get children to order the price of 2-3 different items.
- Children to identify and name different coins and paper notes. Order from least to greatest value.
- Children to be shown shopping receipts, gas/electric meters and bills to make them aware of why money is needed and important.
- Ask children to prioritise when shopping and make choices based on want and need.
- Give children a goal of saving pennies to buy an item like a bag of crisps. They could earn a penny for chores, cleaning teeth correctly or getting themselves changed into pyjamas.

