

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring B 2026



This half term we will be focussing on how materials can change shape and testing different materials. In DT we will be designing a chair for a teddy bear and choosing materials and techniques to make it successfully. At the end of the half term, we will be learning about animals including humans and what we need to survive.

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).

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 on a Wednesday.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Spelling practice using year 2 list.
- **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



**Mrs Giles (Class Teacher)
Science Lead**



**Mrs Doogan (Class Teacher)
Travel Ambassadors &
Eco Committee Lead**

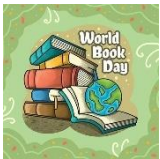


Mrs Angelo (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)



Mrs Khan (Classroom assistant)

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 NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop 	11	12	13  Non-uniform: wear something red/donations collected
16	17	18	19	20
23 Movie Night  Times Tables and Spelling Challenge week	24	25 Eid Community Event 	26	27 

Year 2 Home Learning Ideas

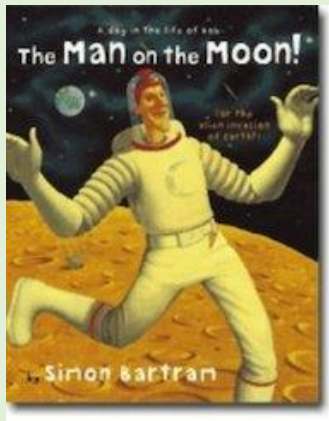
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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be an Author...

We will be reading 'The man on the Moon'



- If you could talk to an astronaut, what would you ask them?
- Imagine you saw an alien on the moon; what would it look like? Can you describe them?

Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about money.



- Can you identify all the coins we have in the UK?
- What about the notes we use?

We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shapes.



- Do you know the names of the 2D and 3D shapes?
- Can you find any objects in your house that are 2D and 3D shapes?

Be a Scientist...

- We will be learning about materials and how they can be changed.
- Can you find some materials around your house that you can change the shape of?
- Are there objects that you can't change their shape, what are these made from?
- How would you describe the material they are made from?



Be a Designer...

- Can you think of and draw a design for a mask?
What would it be made of? How would it stay on?
- What about designing a strong bucket for the beach, what would that be made of? What about the handle?
- Try and make one of these.

