

# Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring B 2026



This half term, we have lots of exciting learning planned. In Art, we will be creating clay masks, developing our sculpting and shaping techniques. In History, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt, exploring the process of mummification and beliefs about the afterlife. In French, we will be learning how to talk about 'our school', building our vocabulary and confidence in speaking and writing. In English, we will be writing a holiday brochure, focusing on key features such as persuasive language, descriptive writing and eye-catching layout techniques.

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 4 Expectations and Arrangements

#### PE days:

Tuesdays - swimming

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 4 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** (1-2 times weekly). Spelling practice using year 4 list.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French/ **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform.
- 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 4 Team



**Mrs Lawrence (Class Teacher)**  
**QED Lead Year 3 and 4**  
**Writing Lead**



**Mr Harvey (Class Teacher)**  
**School Council Lead**

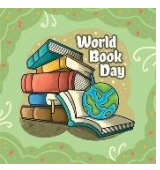


**Miss Pearce (Class Teacher)**  
**Art and DT Lead**



**Mrs Erum Dodhy**  
**(Learning Support Assistant)**

## Key Events and Dates this Half term

| February                                                                                                                                                    |         |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Monday                                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                                          | Friday                                                                                                                                            |
| 23<br>                                                                     | 24      | 25                                                                                                                      | 26                                                                                                                                                | 27                                                                                                                                                |
| March                                                                                                                                                       |         |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                                                               | Thursday                                                                                                                                          | Friday                                                                                                                                            |
| 2                                                                                                                                                           | 3       | 4                                                                                                                       | 5<br><br>Non-uniform: dress up as your favourite book character | 6                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9                                                                                                                                                           | 10      | 11                                                                                                                      | 12                                                                                                                                                | 13<br><br>Non-uniform: wear something red/donations collected |
| 16                                                                                                                                                          | 17      | 18                                                                                                                      | 19                                                                                                                                                | 20                                                                                                                                                |
| 23<br><b>Movie Night</b><br><br>Times Tables and Spelling Challenge week | 24      | 25<br><b>Eid Community Event</b><br> | 26<br><b>British Museum Trip</b><br>                          | 27<br>2:15 finish<br>                                        |

# *Year 4 Home Learning Ideas*

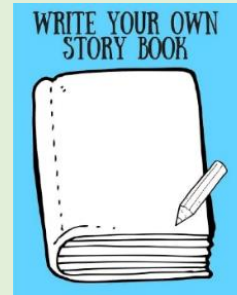
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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

### ***Be an author...***

- On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, it is World Book Day. It is a chance to celebrate all the fantastic books that have been written to entertain us.
- Now, it is your chance to be an author and write your own story. It can literally be about anything that interests you-so be creative.



### ***Be a historian ...***

- In history, we will be learning about the Ancient Egyptians.
- Find out about this period of time and then record some of the information.
- You could make a booklet, leaflet or a poster.



### ***Be an artist...***

- In art, we will be making masks using clay.
- Can you design and make your own animal or superhero mask using materials that you have at home?

