

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring B 2026



This half term we will be focussing on: biographies and autobiographical writing in English; fractions and percentages in maths; making fairground rides in DT; looking at the work of Lichtenstein in art; dodgeball and rounders in PE; and learning a wider selection of songs to play on the ukulele.

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 5 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Wednesdays (indoor) and Mondays (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 5 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). Practising words from the Year 5 Spelling List.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practise French/Optional **Anton App**.
- Optional **Anton APP** and **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 5 Team



Mrs Peters (Class Teacher)
Music and RE Lead

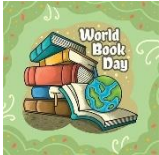


Ms Limani (Class Teacher)



Mrs Begum (Learning Support)

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 

Home Learning Ideas

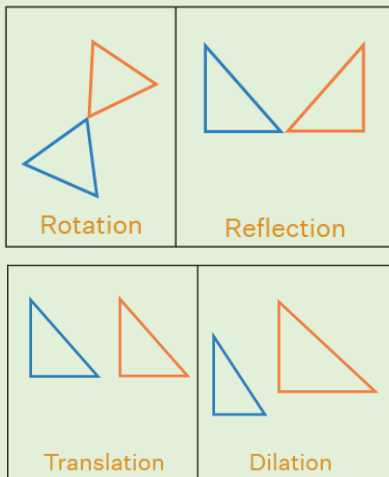
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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be a mathematician...

Try out some of the translation games from this website:

<https://nrich.maths.org/tags/translations>



Be an engineer...

Experiment with creating structures using household items e.g. spaghetti and marshmallow towers.



Be a writer...

Find out about the life story of a family member. Look at photos and try retelling some of the key events of their life.



Be a Pop Artist...

In class, we will be studying the Pop Artist Roy Liechtenstein. Why not research and find out about other artists who created Pop Art and create some art in their style.

Visit this website to get some more ideas.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>



