

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn A 2025



Welcome back!

This half term we will be focussing on our Centenary celebrations with lots of special events which include making time capsules and participating in a fun run. We will explore changing seasons and animals in science and living with family and friends in RE. In addition, we will be recapping phase 3 and phase 4 phonics and using these to inform our writing.

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 (shorts as the weather gets warmer), 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 the form we will provide.

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 each day with unflavoured water only, please.

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.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Logins will be provided in coming weeks.
- Maths practise online.

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.

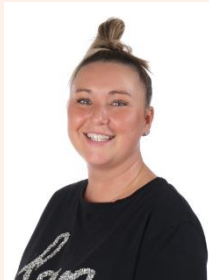
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<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 and Ms Thamana (NNEB/Learning Support Assistants)	Ms Hughes and Mrs Jones (NNEB/Learning Support Assistants)



Key Events and Dates this Half term

September				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 INSET day for teaching staff 	2 INSET day for school staff 	3 First Day Back (8.45 am..start) 	4	5
8. Home Learning Information shared  CGP Books offered for sale (optional use)	9	10	11	12
15 Centenary Celebration Week 	16 Year 1/2 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.00 – 9.45 Sunshine Hall	17	18	19 Centenary in school Fun Run a.m.
22 Centenary Celebration Week 	23	24	25	26 Centenary Celebration Event 2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. 
October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1	2	3

6 Online booking opens for Parent Consultation Evenings 	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 Parent Teacher Consultation Week Recycle Week Link to half term Poppy Project 	21	22	23	24 Diwali Event 3.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Last School Day 

Year 1 Home Learning Ideas

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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term. Children may hand in completed tasks or evidence of home learning completed e.g. photographs, emailed to class teachers via the school office.

Be an Author...

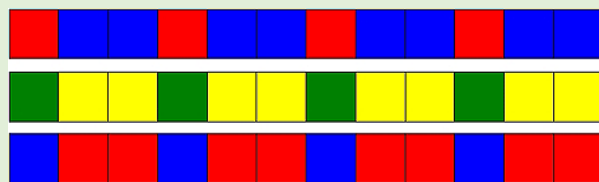
We will be reading stories written by the author Jill Murphy.

- Research Michael Jill Murphy and present information about her in any form.
- Read a story by Jill Murphy and then draw the main characters and label their characteristics.
- Learn the story by heart and retell it using different voices for the characters.



Be a Mathematician...

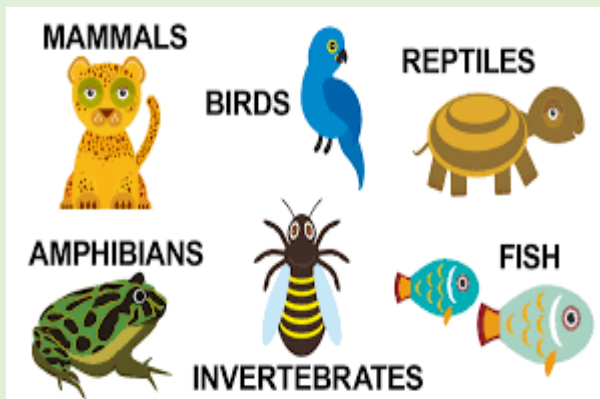
- Practice writing numbers 1-10.
- Learn number bonds for numbers 4-10.
- Do a shape hunt around your home and when you go out to the shops. Make a tally of each time you see a shape.
- Make repeating patterns with different objects in the home e.g socks, fruit and veg, pegs. Then draw your repeating pattern.



Be a Scientist...

Be a Meteorologist...

We are learning about different animals and how to sort them into groups. Choose an animal and make a fact file about them.



We are learning about the different seasons and also how to measure and record different types of weather.

- Keep a daily weather diary.
- Make a picture or collage for each season.
- Collect different leaves and seeds and say which tree they come from.

