

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn A 2025



Welcome back; we hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to the new academic year. This half term we will be focussing on **animals** including humans; living things and habitats in our science lessons. We will also be looking at significant individuals who have lived in the Becontree Estate- this is part of our history unit.

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: 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).
- Maths online activities

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)



Mrs Smith (Learning Support Assistant)



Mrs Lewis (Special Learning Support Assistant)



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 a.m.start) 	4	5
8 Home Learning Information shared  CGP Books offered for sale (optional use)	9	10	11	12
15 Centenary Celebration Week 1 Year 2 Trip to Valence House 	16 Year 1/2 Curriculum Information Meeting 9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Sunshine Hall	17	18	19 Centenary Parkrun Event 
22 Centenary Celebration Week 2 	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. – 4.30 p.m. Last School Day 

Year 2 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 'The Worries' by Jion Sheibani.

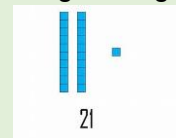
- Write some facts about the main character in the book.
- Design a new front cover for 'The Worries' by Jion Sheibani.



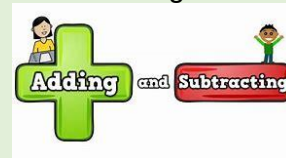
Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about numbers within 100 and how these can be represented, addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers which include word problems.

- Practise counting from 0 to 100 and back again.
- Practise writing numbers from 0 to 100.
- Practise drawing a 2 digit number using dienes.



- Choose two different 2 digit numbers and add them together or subtract the smaller number from the larger number.



Be a Scientist...

We are learning about the habitats of different animals & minibeasts and living things.

- Can you draw and name 10 living things from an outdoor environment?
- Do you know or can you find out 3 different habitats and which animals might live there?



Be a Historian...

We are learning about the history of Becontree Primary school.

- Can you find 3 facts about the school in the 1990's?
- Can you find an old photo of the school building and compare it to our building now?



