

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn A 2025



Welcome back to the new school year which will be busy with lots of exciting things to learn and do. This half term we will be focussing on: story and diary writing English; materials in science; online safety and systems and searching in ICT; fitness and handball in PE; as well as continuing our learning in other subjects. We will also be celebrating our school centenary in all subjects.

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).
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French.

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)



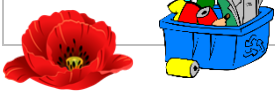
Ms Limani (Class Teacher)



Mrs Begum (Learning Support)



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 	16	17 Year 5/6 Curriculum Information meeting 2.15 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Sunshine Hall	18	19 Centenary Parkrun Event Trip to Valence House 
22 Centenary Celebration Week 	23	24	25	26 Centenary Community 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 and Open School 2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Last School Day 

Year 5 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 Historian...

During the centenary celebrations, we will be finding out about what life was like in Becontree during the 1940s and 1950s.

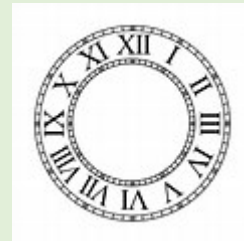
- Find a dance that was popular during this time and try to learn it.
- Research the types of games that children played during this time period.
- Find some rationing recipes online and try creating some dishes.
- Research the different forms of transport and how technology changed in the 1940s and 1950s



Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about Roman numerals and interpreting line graphs and timetables.

- Find examples of Roman numerals in their environment and on film and television and say/read what the number is in modern numbers.
- Investigate changes in maximum and minimum temperatures over a week and represent the data on a line graph.
- Create a timetable of their weekend and compare amounts of time spent on different activities.



Be a Scientist...

We are learning about materials and their properties and what happens when we mix and separate them.

- Follow a recipe to bake a cake of biscuits and create a diagram to show the changing states of the materials.
- Make a list of how many different types of materials they can find in the home and sort into groups of their choice (or metal, plastic, wood, fabric, other).



Be a Musician...

We are learning how to play the ukulele

- Research the history of the ukulele.
- Find examples of modern musicians who use the ukulele in their music.
- Make a presentation of what they have learned.
- Practise the skills learned in lessons at home.

