

# Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring A 2026



Welcome back!....

This half term we will continue developing our phonics and embedding the sounds learnt so far to inform our reading and writing. In maths we will explore the concept of time with a focus on sequencing daily activities as well as telling the time to o'clock. We will then move on to looking at identifying and using number up to 50. We will also be studying toys in History and have an amazing trip to the young V&A museum to see some different toys from the past and compare the to our toys now. In PSHE we will be exploring the theme of 'Be yourself,' to think about different emotions and feelings.

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, 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 a form from the office.

**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 **every day** with unflavoured water only, please.

**Book change:** Reading books are changed on Mondays if your child has read at least 3 times and BERT books are changed on Thursday. **It is important to bring ALL books and a bookbag to school every day.**

### 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.
- Children to practise reading and writing 3 high frequency words a week from their Reading Record.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Logins can be found in your child's Reading Record.
- Maths practise online using **Numbots** and Anton (optional). Login in details for Numbots have been provided in your child's Reading Record.

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



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| <b>Mrs Ali (Class Teacher)</b><br><b>Early Reading Lead</b> | <b>Miss Hoad</b><br><b>(Class Teacher)</b> | <b>Mrs Ashman and Mrs Khan</b><br><b>(NNEB/Learning Support Assistants)</b> | <b>Ms Hughes and Mrs Jones (NNEB/Learning Support Assistants)</b> |
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## Key Events and Dates this Half term

| January                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                            | Tuesday                                                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                    | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5 Staff INSET Day<br><br>School Closed to Children                                                                                                                                                | 6<br><br>                                | 7                                                                                                                               | 8                                                                                                                           | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                | 13                                                                                                                        | 14<br><br>Trip to the Young V&A museum<br><br> | 15                                                                                                                          | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 19 Online bookings open for Parent Teacher Consultations<br><br><b>Road Safety Workshops this week</b><br><br> | 20                                                                                                                        | 21                                                                                                                              | 22                                                                                                                          | 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 26                                                                                                                                                                                                | 27                                                                                                                        | 28                                                                                                                              | 29                                                                                                                          | 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| February                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Monday                                                                                                                                                                                            | Tuesday                                                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                    | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3 Parent Teacher Consultations<br><br> | 4                                                                                                                               | 5 Parent Teacher Consultations<br><br> | 6 Safer Internet Day<br><br>                                                                                                                  |
| 9 <b>Mental Health Week</b><br>Activities completed in school<br><br>                                          | 10                                                                                                                        | 11                                                                                                                              | 12                                                                                                                          | 13<br><br><br><br>Reading Holiday project shared<br><br> |

# Year 1 Home Learning Ideas

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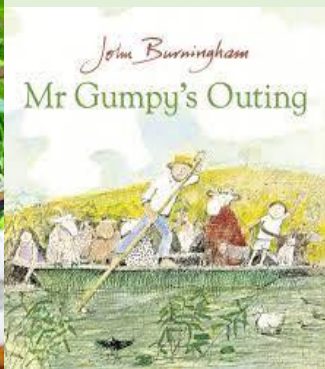


These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

### Be an Author...

We will be reading stories written by the author John Burningham.

- Research and present information about John Burningham in any form.
- Read a story by John Burningham 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...

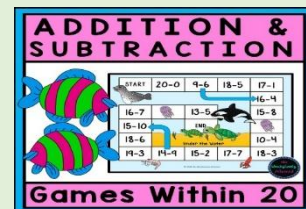
Our unit for the first 2 weeks will be 'Time':

- sequence daily activities
- know the months of the year
- match months to the correct season
- read, write and tell the time to o'clock and half past on an analogue clock



Work on number:

add and subtract numbers to 20, then 50



### Design and Technology

Linked to our work on the history of toys, can you design and make your own puppet.

- Which materials did you use and why?
- You can use your puppet to make a puppet show for your family

### Be a Historian...

We will learn about toys from the past.

- Talk to parents and grandparents about the toys they had when they were children.
- How were they different to toys today?
- Can your parents/ grandparents teach you a game, song or rhyme from their childhood.

