

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring A 2026



Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable break. This half term we will be focussing on uses of materials and their properties in our science lessons. We will also be looking at the Great Fire of London and the Plague in History. In our Art unit, we will be creating a piece of art inspired by the Great Fire of London.

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: If your child is school dinners please book your child's lunch on School Grid for each day.

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). Spelling practice using year 2 list.
- **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform (optional).
- Optional **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 2 Team



**Mrs Giles (Class Teacher)
Science Lead**



**Mrs Doogan (Class Teacher)
Travel Ambassadors &
Eco Committee Lead**



Mrs Angelo (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)



Mrs Grove (Classroom assistant)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Staff INSET Day School Closed to Children	6 	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19 Online bookings open for Parent Teacher Consultations Road Safety Workshops this week 	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Parent Teacher Consultations 	4	5 Parent Teacher Consultations 	6 Safer Internet Day 
9 Year 2 trip to the Tower of London – more information to be shared. 	10 Mental Health Week Activities completed in school 	11	12	13  Reading Holiday project shared 

Year 2 Home Learning Ideas

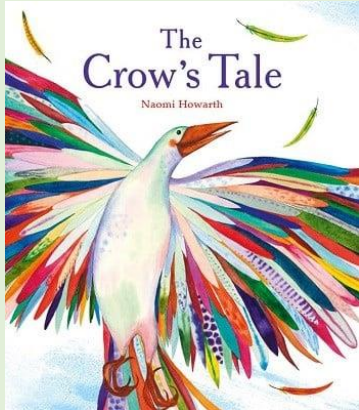


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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be an Author...

We will be reading 'The Crow's Tale' by Naomi Howarth.



- Can you describe the Crow in the story?
- Read another book by Naomi Howarth.

Be a Mathematician...

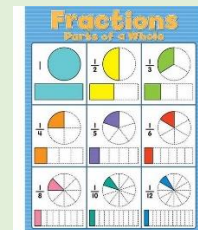
We will be learning how to tell the time using five minute intervals.

- Practise telling the time using different clocks.



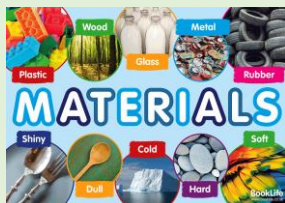
We will also be learning about fractions and how we can use division to help us.

- Can you draw some fractions of a circle? Half, quarter, three quarters?



Be a Scientist...

- We will be learning about materials and how some are suitable for one purpose but not another.
- Can you find some objects around your house and say what material they are made from? Have a think about why that is a good material for that object.



Be an Historian...

- We will be learning about the Plague and the Great Fire of London.



- Can you find out when the Plague and The Great fire happened?
- Write a list of facts on what you find out about the Plague and the Great Fire of London.