

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring A 2026



Welcome back. This half term, we will be learning about electricity in science, 'our school' in French and we will be reading and studying the text 'Varjak Paw' in 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 4 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days:

Tuesdays - swimming

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: 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 4 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). Spelling practice using year 4 list.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French/ **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform.
- 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 4 Team



Mrs Lawrence (Class Teacher)
QED Lead Year 3 and 4 Writing Lead



Mr Harvey (Class Teacher)
School Council Lead



Miss Pearce (Class Teacher)
Art and DT Lead



Mrs Erum Dodhy (Learning Support Assistant)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

January				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Staff INSET Day School Closed to Children	6  Year 4 Swimming Session – please remember your kit!	7	8	9
12	13 Year 4 Swimming Session – please remember your kit!	14	15	16
19 Online bookings open for Parent Teacher Consultations Road Safety Workshops this week 	20 Year 4 Swimming Session – please remember your kit!	21	22	23 4LH Poetry recital Parents are invited to attend the assembly 
26	27 Year 4 Swimming Session – please remember your kit!	28	29	30 Year 3 – 6 French Day  Non-uniform: children wear red, white and/or blue, and do French themed activities in school.
February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Times Table challenge week 	3 Parent Teacher Consultations  Year 4 Swimming Session – please remember your kit!	4	5 Parent Teacher Consultations 	6 Safer Internet Day 4P Poetry recital Parents are invited to attend the assembly 
9 Mental Health Week Activities completed in school 	10 Year 4 Swimming Session – please remember your kit!	11	12	13  Reading Holiday project shared 

Year 4 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...

In writing, we will be learning about and writing our own free verse poems.

Think about a topic you enjoy. It could be a celebration, a holiday or a hobby.

Can you write your own free verse poem?

Can you edit your poem and write it out neatly to make it the best it can possibly be?



Be a Mathematician...

In maths, we will be learning to tell the time.

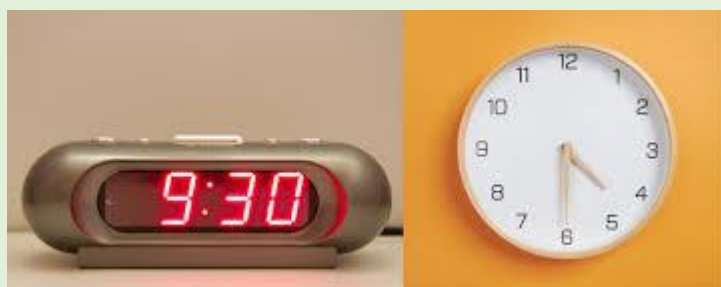
Look at your clock at home (analogue and digital) to help you answer these questions:

What time do you wake up?

How long does it take you to get ready in the morning for school?

What time do you have dinner?

How long do you sleep for?



Be an Artist...

- In art, we will be learning the skill of printing.

What could you use at home to print with:

- Lids from bottles
- Potato printing (with adult supervision)
- Make cardboard shapes
- lego



Be a Scientist...

In science we are studying electricity.

Look around your house for appliances which use main power, battery power or both. Make a list of them.

