

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring A 2026



This half term we will be focussing on non-chronological report writing; percentages, statistics, coordinates and properties of shapes in maths; nutrition and cookery in Design Technology; and living things and their habitats in science.

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 6 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Thursdays (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: 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 6 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). Children will be keeping track of their reading in school.
- **Weekly Maths, Reading and Grammar pack** (each activity should take 10-15 minutes) and must be returned on the following Thursday.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed**. Children must play 3 games to practise their weekly spellings and a further 2 games to practise words from the statutory word list for Y5 and 6.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly for a minimum of 10 minutes).
- Optional Home Learning:
Duolingo to practice French and the **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects. Both are free learning platforms.

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 6 Team



Ms Gaughran (Class Teacher)
QED Lead Year 5 and 6
Reading Lead



Mrs Rushton (Class Teacher)
Lead for Prefects and Lunch time
Clubs



Mrs Dean (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)



Key Events and Dates this Half term

January				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Staff INSET Day School Closed to Children	6 	7	8	9
12	13 Year 6 SATs Meeting Enter via office - 4.30 p.m 	14	15	16
19 Online bookings open for Parent Teacher Consultations Road Safety Workshops this week 	20 Year 5 and 6 Meeting for this year's residential to Trewern Enter via office- 4:30pm 	21	22	23
26	27	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 	4	5 Parent Teacher Consultations 	6 Safer Internet Day 
9 Year 5 and 6 Trewern Week  Normal school week for other children. Mental Health Week Activities completed in school.	10 Year 5 and 6 Seafood cooking workshops 	11	12	13  Reading Holiday project shared 

Year 6 Home Learning Ideas

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

Be a Naturalist...

We will be producing a non-chronological report in English.

Try observing a creature in its natural habitat and write a report on its features, diet and behaviours.



Be a Chef...

We will be baking and cooking this term.

Try helping out in the kitchen and take photos of what you produce to show the class.



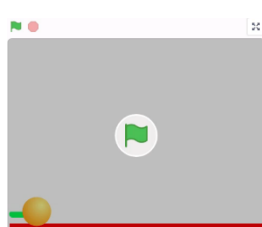
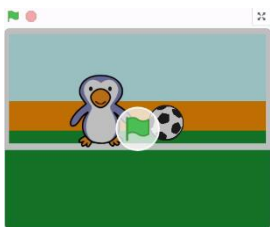
Be a game designer...

We will be using Scratch this half term to explore game development.

Children can explore remixing two games:

[Goalie](#)

[Pongstarter](#)



Using these as their starting points, they can remix the games to create their own versions.

Please note: they will need to use their school Scratch accounts to be able to remix the games.

Be a Mathematician...

Try creating some 3D shapes by drawing nets and folding and sticking them together.

Experiment using a mirror to write secret messages.

Have a go at some algebra games using this website: [Algebra games](#)

