

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer A 2026



This half term, we will be focussing on planting seeds and exploring features of plants in science. In maths we will be exploring money, as well as addition and subtraction with numbers up to 100. We will also start to learn about simple multiplication and division. In RE the focus will be finding out about the Hindu religion and how Hindu people belong. We will continue to use our phonics to inform our writing throughout each week such as retelling stories and describing moments that have made us feel proud.

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>

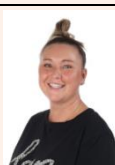
Speak to the class teacher if you do not have online access at home so we can look at options to support your child.

For further **optional home learning ideas**, refer to our Home Learning Ideas section attached to the end of this letter.

Our Year 1 Team



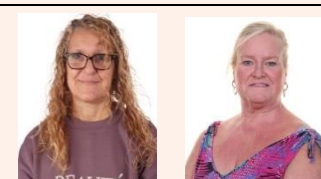
Mrs Ali (Class Teacher)
Early Reading Lead



Miss Hoad
(Class Teacher)



Mrs Ashman (NNEB)



Ms Hughes and Mrs Jones (NNEB/Learning Support Assistants)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

April				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 Return Autism Awareness Projects 	14	15 Science Shows More information to be Shared 	16	17
20	21	22	23 DEAR reading session for parents 1:30 - 2:15 1H 2:15 - 3:00 1A 	24
27	28	29	30	1
May				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 May Day Bank Holiday 	5	6	7	8
11  Activities in school	12	13	14	15
18 	19 Year 1 trip to Call of the Wild Zoo. 	20 Becontree's Got Talent Final 	21	22  Finish normal time – 3.15 p.m. Return 2 nd June at 8.45 a.m.

Year 1 Home Learning Ideas

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Please continue to learn the 45 tricky words for our spelling test each half term.

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

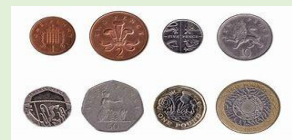
Be brilliant in Phonics and Reading

- Read the alien and real word list daily.
- Learn phase 2,3 and 5 sounds from the sound mats provided and write words or sentences relating to the picture on the sound mat.
- Play Phonics Play 'Buried Treasure' or 'Pick a Picture'.
- Play phonic games on Topmarks.
- Learn to read and write the high frequency words from the list provided.
- Visit the library weekly to explore different genre of books.
- Read signs and labels in the environment (restaurant, shops, library or airport).
- Reading books to be read daily.
- Parents to read library books to their child to promote reading for pleasure.



Be a Mathematician

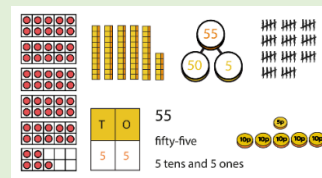
- Name coins and notes and understand their value.
- Match amounts to prices on items of shopping.
- Represent the same value using different coins.
- Calculate and represent change from amounts to £1.



- Investigate number bonds within 20.
E.g:

$$11 + 1 = 12 \quad 10 + 2 = 12 \quad 9 + 3 = 12 \quad 8 + 4 = 12$$

- Read, write and represent numbers to 100.
55, 64, 48, 29, 99, 72,



Be a Scientist...

- Identify and name trees in the park. Write about some of the trees characteristics e.g an oak tree produces acorns in the Autumn.
- Make a map of the park to show where different trees and plants can be found.
- Make rubbings of different tree trunks.
- Collect different leaves and make observational drawings of them.



Be a Dancer...

- Do a warm up to get your body ready for dance.
- Choreograph a dance routine and practise your dance.
- Perform your dance to your family and friends.

