

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer A 2026



Welcome back; we hope you had an enjoyable half term break. This half term we will be comparing two locations, the UK and Bangladesh, looking at the similarities and differences in our geography lessons. For history we will be studying monarchs from the past, about their coronations as well as castles they have lived in. Finally, we will be researching, making and evaluating fruit ice lollies in our DT lessons.

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). Children to wear their PE kits and trainers on these days.

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.
- **TTRS** and **Numbots** are also available using your **MyLogin** passcode on the school website to practise times tables and number bonds.
- **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)



Miss Rahman
(Classroom assistant)

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	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 1	14	15
18 	19	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 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 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson.



- Read any other books by Julia Donaldson.
- Could you write about one of her books, tell me what it is about?
- If you were a witch in a story, what would you be like?

Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about measures, capacity and mass.



- Find out how we measure liquids? Do we use a ruler?
- Measure different amounts of water.
- How do we weigh things to find out how heavy they are?
- If you have scales try and weigh some different objects at home.

Be a Historian

We will be learning about monarchs in the past and castles they lived in.



- Can you find out any names of British kings and queens?
- What castles do we have in the United Kingdom and who lives there?
- Draw a picture of a castle that you can find out about. Label the different parts of your castle.

Be a Designer...

We will be researching and making a fruit ice lolly.



- Have you tasted many types of fruits? Can you name them and what country they have come from?
- Which would be good to put in an ice lolly?
- What else can you make at home using fruit?
- Can you draw and label a picture of some different fruits?