

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer A 2026



This term, we have lots of exciting learning planned. In history, we will explore the Romans, including why they invaded Britain, what life was like, and their lasting legacy, finishing with a fun Roman Day. In art, we will design and create mosaics while learning about Roman and modern artists. In geography, we will build our locational knowledge by studying continents, climates, Europe, Russia and South America. In maths, we will learn about time, angles, shapes and measures, including mass and capacity. In English, we will write folktales based on *The Enchantress of the Sands* and develop our skills in discussion and persuasive 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 3 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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 3 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). This could be paper based OR Story Zoo online.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (at least 3 games per week). Spelling practice using year 3 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 3 Team



Ms Begum
(Class Teacher)
Computing Lead



Mrs Dear
(Class Teacher)



Mrs Smith
(Learning Support
Assistant)



Mr Omar
(Learning Support
Assistant)



Mrs Lewis
(Nurture Lead)

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 Class 3D Poetry Assembly 
20	21 Year 3 Cricket Workshop Day 1 	22	23	24
27	28 Year 3 Cricket Workshop Day 2 	29	30	1 Roman Day (Activities in school – children dress up as a Roman) 
May				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 May Day Bank Holiday  Happy May Day!	5 Year 3 Cricket Workshop Day 3 	6	7	8
11  Activities in school during the week	12 Year 3 Cricket Workshop Day 4 	13	14	15
18 	19 Year 3 Cricket Workshop Day 5 	20 Becontree's Got Talent Final 	21	22  Finish normal time 3.15 p.m. Return 2 nd June 8.45 a.m.

Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle – Date TBC

Year 3 Home Learning Ideas

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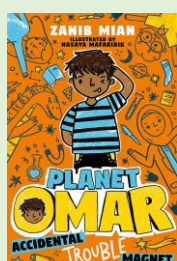
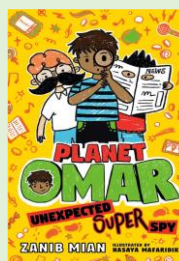


These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be an Author...

We will be reading the books Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian and Planet Omar: Unexpected Super Spy by Zanib Mian.

Can you read other books by the same author?

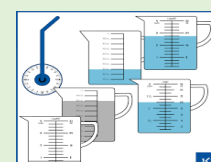


Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about angles and shapes for the first few weeks and then on to different forms of measuring.

Why not:

- Find out the various ways of measuring
- Measure items from home
- Go on a 'shape hunt' around the house

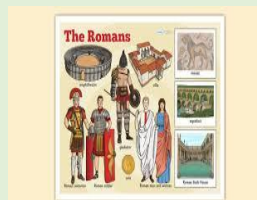


Be an Historian...

In history, we will be learning about the Romans and how they became invaders, settlers and what they brought to our country.

Why not:

- Design a wanted poster about a Roman Emperor/Empress
- Research the year they invaded Britain
- Make an item of armour or weapon with recyclable material



Be an Athlete...

In PE we will be learning about dance and athletics.

Why not:

- Create your own dance routine
- Research the different types of dance styles
- Race a family member
- Measure how far you can jump

