

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer A 2026



This half term, we have lots of exciting learning planned. In DT we will be researching, designing and making salads. In science, we will be learning about states of matter and sound. In French, we will be learning how to count to 31 and will also learn the days of the week and months of the year. In writing, we will be reading and writing about the text 'The Mousehole Cat' by Antonia Barber and Nicola Bayley. We will also be writing an explanation text about the water cycle linked to our scientific knowledge.

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

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 during the week	12	13	14	15
18 	19	20 Becontree's Got Talent Final 	21	22  Finish normal time 3.15 p.m. Return 2 nd June 8.45 a.m.

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 a scientist ...

In science, we will be learning about sound.

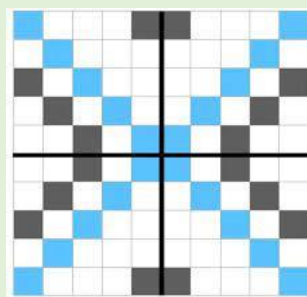
Watch the video and then try to make a string telephone.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yqB2K>



Be a mathematician ...

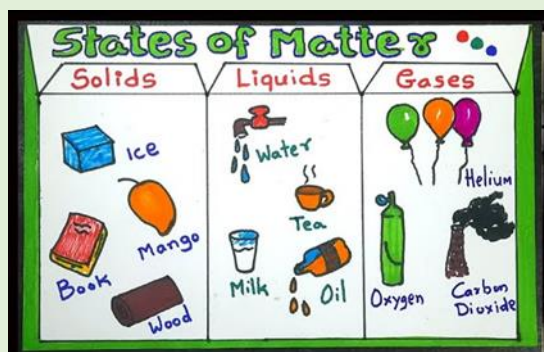
- Can you design a symmetrical pattern like the one below in the picture?
- Use colouring pencils or felts to create a bright and interesting design.



Be a scientist...

- In science, we will also be looking at states of matter.
- Look around your home and list all the items that are solids, liquids or gases.

Example:



Be a chef...

- In DT, we will be making a healthy salad.
- Why not make a funny face salad at home with your family.

