

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer A 2026



We hope you all had a wonderful half term. With just a few weeks to go until SATs, it's going to be a busy half term. In the afternoons, children will become scientists studying the human circulatory system and artists learning how to use perspective in their drawings and paintings. After SATs are over, we will be offering the children an opportunity to take on one of the many roles in this year's production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.

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

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 Year 6 SATS Week Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Paper 	12 Year 6 SATS Week Reading Paper 	13 Year 6 SATS Week Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning Paper 1 	14 Year 6 SATS Week Maths Reasoning Paper 2 	15 Activities in school
18 	19	20 Becontree's Got Talent Final 	21 Chessington Reward Trip 	22 Finish normal time – 3.15 p.m. Return 2 nd June at 8.45 a.m.

Year 6 Home Learning Ideas

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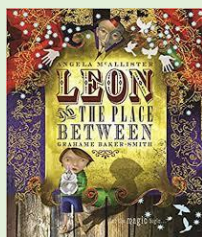
These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be a Writer...

We will be using the book *Leon and the Place Between* to write a narrative.

Write a story about what you think the book is about, just by looking at the front cover.

The text we use as inspiration has a link to magic. Try performing a magic trick and writing a set of instruction based on what you have done.



Be an Artist...

Have a go at creating your own perspective drawing of a room in your house. How would you design / decorate it if you had a choice?

Go outside and draw/paint something, using the horizon line as a focus.



Be a Scientist...

Use playdough to create models of the lungs and heart.

Test to see how exercise affects our heart rate. Try testing how many beats per minute your resting heart rate is, then exercise for 30 seconds and test your heart rate again.

