

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2025



Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable break. This half term we will be learning about the countries in the UK and their cities, as well as the seven continents of the World. In our Art lessons we will be learning how to use different techniques to make and decorate a 3D model boat.

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).

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: 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).
- Maths online activities

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)

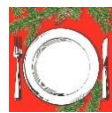


Mrs Angelo (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)



Mrs Grove (Classroom assistant)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 First Day Back (8.45 a.m.start)  All Poppy Projects returned to school 	4	5	6	7Flu Vaccination Catch Up day All Tea Towel orders in by today
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 The Naughty Elf Arrives in School! 	2	3	4	5
8 Year 1 – 6 Christmas Movie Nights 	9 Pantomime Day  Non-uniform – Cinderella OR Christmas themed	10 Gurdwara Visit 	11	12
15 Nur/Rec/Year 1 and 2 ARP and Zenden Reindeer Run 	16 Christmas Singalong Day 1 	17 Christmas Singalong Day 2 Christmas Fete 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. 	18 Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day  	19 Christmas Parties!   Finish at 2.15 p.m.

Year 2 Home Learning Ideas

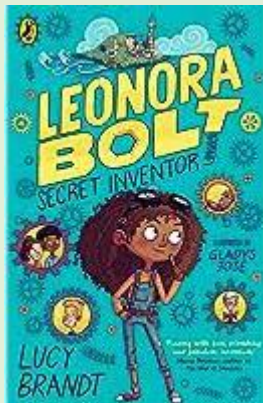
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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term. Children will be rewarded with Respect tickets for handing in completed tasks or evidence of home learning completed e.g. photographs, emailed to class teachers via the school office.

Be an Author...

We will be reading 'Leonora Bolt: secret Inventor' by Lucy Brandt



- Read another book by Lucy Brandt.
- Write about something you would invent.

Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning how to measure objects using rulers, metre sticks and tape measures. Then we will be learning how to represent and understand pictograms, block diagrams, tables and tally charts. Finally, we will be working on multiplication and division.

- Practise your 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Make a Tally chart and ask your family what is their favourite fruit. Then make a pictogram.
- Measure some objects around your house in centimetres (cm). Which is the longest? Which is the shortest?

Favorite Fruit	
fruit	votes
1 vote =	



Be a Geographer...

We are learning all about the countries that make up the UK as well as cities, rivers and mountains. We will be finding out about the seven continents of the world and learning about the different weather in these places.



- Find out about some landmarks that are in each country in the UK.
- Ask your family which country they have visited. Find out which continent it is on.

Be an Artist...

We are making 3D boat models using paper mâché. We start by drawing with charcoal and then create colourful boats using cardboard, paint and collage.



- Can you use a crayon or pencil to make some rubbings of different surfaces?
- Can you make a collage picture of a boat using different materials?