

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2025



Welcome back, we hope you had an enjoyable break. This half term, in History we will be learning about what changed in Britain after the Anglo-Saxon invasion? In science our topic is human nutrition where children will learn to describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system. In music, we will experiment with dynamics, pulse, rhythm and pitch when composing. Computing will include using media to create an audio production. We'll also learn about how trade can benefit or hinder economic development of different countries in Geography.

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).
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French.

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

November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 First Day Back (8.45 a.m.start)  All Poppy Projects returned to school 	4	5	6	7 Flu Vaccination Catch Up day All Tea Towel orders in by today
10	11	12	13	14 Music workshop 
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	11 CMS Orchestral Performance 	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 4 Home Learning Ideas

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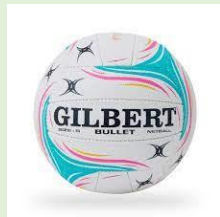
These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term. Children will be rewarded with Respect tickets for handing in completed tasks or evidence of home learning completed e.g. photographs, emailed to class teachers via the school office.

Be an Athlete ...

In PE, we will be learning all about the game of netball.

Here is a video you could watch to find out more about the game

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGaYDvaZ4No>



Be a Mathematician...

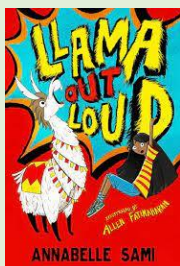
We will be using factors of a number in our unit on multiplication.

- Make a factors poster



Be an Author...

We have been reading Llama out loud by Annabelle Sami.



- Research Annabelle Sami and record information about her.
- Read another book by Annabelle Sami and write a book review about it.
- Design a front cover for 'Llama out loud' or one of her other books.

Be a Historian...

- In history, we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons.
- Find out about this period of time and then record some of the information.
- You could make a booklet, leaflet or a poster to share your information.

