

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2025



Welcome back to the new school year which will be busy with lots of exciting things to learn and do. This half term we will be focussing on: discussion texts and poetry writing in English; separating materials in science; a comparison of a Scandinavian and North American region in geography; creating media in computing; hockey and volleyball in PE; as well as continuing our learning in other subjects.

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 5 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Wednesdays (indoor) and Mondays (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 5 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 5 Team



Mrs Peters (Class Teacher)



Ms Limani (Class Teacher)



Mrs Begum (Learning Support)

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 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	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. 

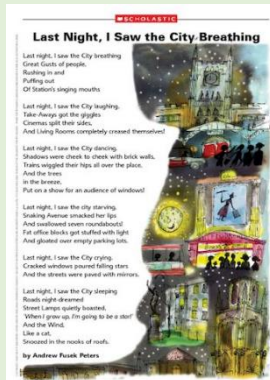
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These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be a Poet...

We will be performing and reading a selection of poetry.

- Borrow poetry books from the library and find poems online.
- Learn and perform a poem for an audience.
- Write a poem of their own choice using similes and personification.



Be a Scientist...

We are learning about materials and their properties and what happens when we mix and separate them.

- Follow a recipe to bake a cake of biscuits and create a diagram to show the changing states of the materials.
- Make a list of how many different types of materials they can find in the home and sort into groups of their choice (or metal, plastic, wood, fabric, other).



Be a Geographer...

- Create a poster with five facts about Scandinavia or North America.
- Draw a map of Scandinavia labelling the countries and their capitals.
- Develop your locational knowledge with these games:

<https://globe-game.com/>

<https://world-geography>

[games.com/en/flags_world.html](https://world-geography)

[https://world-](https://world-geography)

[geographygames.com/en/capitals_world.html](https://world-geography)

<https://world-geography>

[games.com/en/europe_uk_england.html](https://world-geography)



Be a Film maker

- Try using the stop motion technique to create a film.
- Practise using filters for effects.
- Consider writing a storyboard to plan out your film.

