

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2025



We hope you all had a wonderful half term.

This half term, we will be focussing on fractions, decimals, percentages and measures in maths; writing a story involving a dream sequence based on Children of Winter; understanding climate zones, volcanoes, earthquakes and biomes in geography; learning to play the recorder and evolution and inheritance in science.

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 following Thursday.
- 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 6 Team



Ms Gaughran (Class Teacher)
QED Lead Year 5 and 6
Reading Lead



Mrs Rushton (Class Teacher)



Mrs Dean (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)



Key Events and Dates this Half term

November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 First Day Back (8.45am.start)  All Poppy Projects returned to school 	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13 Trip to The Natural History Museum 	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28 6R Assembly Poetry Performance – parents invited 
December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 The Naughty Elf Arrives in School! 	2	3	4	5 6G Assembly Poetry Performance – parents invited 
8 Year 1 – 6 Christmas Movie Nights 	9 Pantomime Day  Non-uniform – Cinderella OR Christmas themed	10	11 CMS Orchestral Performance 	12
15	16	17 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 6 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 a Web Designer...

We will be learning how to use Google Sites on Google Classroom.

- Create a webpage about something you are interested in
- This could be a hobby, something you enjoy doing or a subject of interest



Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about fractions, decimals and measures.

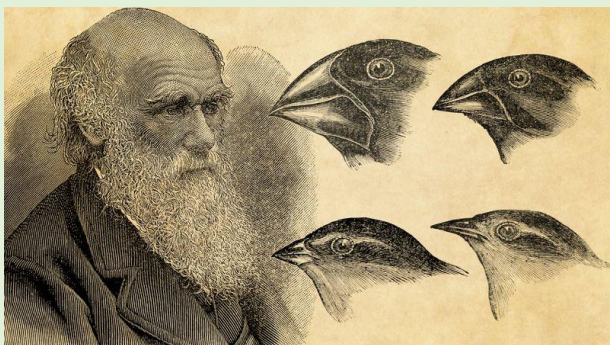
- Try measuring some items at home including weights on scales; lengths using tape measures and liquids using measuring jugs.
- When going on long journeys, find out the distance in km or miles and then convert using the scale $5\text{ miles} \approx 8\text{ km}$



Be a Biologist...

We are finding out about evolution and inheritance.

- Write a fact file on Charles Darwin.
- Find and map out the journeys he took when on his expeditions.
- Identify the traits you have in common with your family members.



Be a Geographer ...

We are learning about physical geography.

- Research rivers in your local area and follow their journeys from the source to the sea
- Research the most recent earthquake or volcanic activity to be reported on the news. Consider how the emergency services responded and how has the region recovered?

