

Zenden Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2025



Welcome back or welcome to the Zen Den, we hope you've had a fun filled half term break. This half term, we will be focussing on our new topic "Traditional Tales". Our curriculum learning will link, as far as possible, to this topic.

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/>

As the days are getting colder, please ensure your child has suitable clothes. We continue to use our outdoor spaces so a coat is vital. We'd also recommend a hat and gloves, all of which need to be clearly named.

Zen Den Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Children may be supported to join their class for PE. Please refer to their year group newsletter so you know which days to send your child in their PE kit.

PE kit: Children are expected to wear plain black/navy bottoms, a plain black/navy sweatshirt, a plain white t-shirt and suitable footwear for running.

Snacks & water: Please ensure that your child brings a snack to school each day for snack time. They also need a water bottle.

Spare clothes: Our learning in the Zen Den revolves around play and this includes lots of messy and water play. We do provide aprons but would appreciate a spare set of clothes in your child's bag.

Intimate care: For those children who are in either nappies or pull ups, please ensure there are wipes as well as the nappies / pull ups in your child's bag each day.

Home Learning Information

Our Home Learning Strategy can be found on the school website.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/home-learning-strategy/>

Home learning we encourage all of our Zen Den families to try:

- **Regular communication/conversations** with your child to promote their oracy and communication skills. This can include the use of pictures or Makaton signs.
- **Daily Reading with and/or to your child** each day. It is essential that you are sharing books with your child. They may be picture books or text-based books depending upon what your child enjoys and will engage with. Some of our children are confident readers. If this is the case for you, please encourage your child to read to you as well as listening to you read.
- **Turn-taking games** with parents and/or siblings.

Encourage independence and self-help skills, including toileting, dressing and undressing.

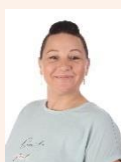
Our Zen Den Team



Ms Garbarz



Mrs Dobbs



Mrs Cawdron



Mrs Lucas



Mr Chapman



Mrs Humm

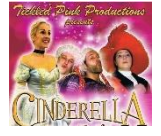
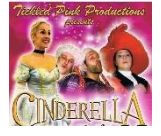


Mrs Anderson



Ms Reilly

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  Non-uniform – Cinderella OR Christmas themed	3 17 Christmas Singalong Day 2 Christmas Fete 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. 	4 18 Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day  	19 Christmas Parties!   Finish at 2.15 p.m.
8 15 Reindeer Run 	9 Pantomime Day  16 Christmas Singalong Day 1 			