

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer B 2026



This term year 1 will be preparing for Sports Day in PE, learning about Islam in RE and will be carrying out a range of programming in computing. We will also explore simple multiplication and division in maths. In writing, we will continue to embed our phonics skills and knowledge of tricky words to write complex sentences and edit our work.

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 1 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Indoor PE Monday, Outdoor PE Friday.

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

Please remove earrings on PE days.

Behaviour: All children are expected to follow the school's behaviour and attitude policy linked to our key characters, promoting **cooperation, curiosity, improvement and resilience**.

Snacks: KS1 children are provided a fruit snack for playtimes. Milk can also be purchased for your child by completing a form from the office.

Lunches: School lunches must be booked via the School Grid. Children may opt to bring a packed lunch. 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 labelled water bottle in school **every day** with unflavoured water only, please.

Book change: Reading books are changed on Mondays if your child has read at least 3 times and BERT books are changed on Thursday. **It is important to bring ALL books and a bookbag to school every day.**

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 1 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). Once your child has read their book, it should be placed in their school bag as it is needed **in school every day**. Lost and damaged books will incur a charge.
- Children to practise reading and writing 3 high frequency words a week from their Reading Record.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Logins can be found in your child's Reading Record.
- Maths practise online using **Numbots** and Anton (optional). Login in details for Numbots have been provided in your child's Reading Record.

Here are some suggestions of websites that your child can use. Please refer to the medium-term plan to see what we are covering and pick activities to match.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.math4children.com/year-1-math-games.html>

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 1 Team



**Mrs Ali (Class Teacher)
Early Reading Lead**



**Miss Hoad
(Class Teacher)**



Mrs Ashman (NNEB)



**Ms Hughes and Mrs
Jones (NNEB/Learning
Support Assistants)**

Key Events and Dates this Half term

June				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Staff INSET Day 	2 	3 Tree Art workshop 	4	5
8 1H Writing workshop 2:15-3:00pm  Year 1 phonics assessments in school all week.	9	10	11 World Cup Lunch Day 	12
15	16 1A Writing workshop 2:15-3:00pm 	17	18	19 School Council Bake Sale 
22	23	24 	25	26 Poetry Assembly 
June/July				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1	2	3
6	7 Awards Evening (By invite only) 	8	9	10 End of Year Reports shared 
13	14 Information about New Teachers shared 	15 Children meet New Teachers 	16	17  Finish at – 2.15 p.m.

Year 1 Home Learning Ideas

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Please continue to learn the 45 tricky words for our spelling test each half term.

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

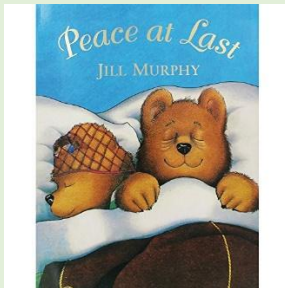
Be an Author...

One of the books we will be studying is the book 'Peace at Last.'

You can get involved at home too by going on a sound walk, listening to what noises you can hear then writing about them.

Think about:

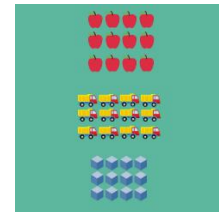
What could the noises have belonged to?
Where did you hear them?
How did the sound make you feel?
Have you heard that sound before, if so where/when?



Be a Mathematician...

Multiplication and Division

- Explore how a number of objects, such as 8 spoons, can be grouped equally e.g., 2 groups of 4, 4 groups of 2.
- Make a note of any numbers that cannot be shared equally. Is there a pattern to these numbers?



Capacity and Volume

- Estimate and then investigate how many uniform sized objects such as frozen peas or pasta tubes, will fit into different containers.
- Examine containers and bottles and say what you think the volume is e.g., half full, 500ml because the capacity is 100ml.

Be an Artist...

- Use a pencil to practice shading to create different tones.
- Step outside, look at the trees in your local area and then create pictures of them using different media. You could draw, paint or collage different trees you have seen.



Be a Scientist...

- Find different criteria to identify and sort materials.
- Find out which objects float and sink using a bowl of water and a selection of objects.
- Use a torch in a dark room and find out which materials are transparent or opaque. You could use a pair of nylon tights, a tshirt, lace, toilet paper, kitchen towel etc.

