

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer B 2026



Welcome back; we hope you had an enjoyable half term break. This half term we will be finding out what plants need to grow into healthy plants during our science lessons. In DT we will be investigating mechanisms and making a moving vehicle. Finally, for art we will be looking at a particular artist and trying to use her art as inspiration for our own portraits.

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 2 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Tuesday (indoor) and Fridays (outdoor). Children to wear their PE kits and trainers on these days.

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: KS1 children are provided a fruit snack for playtimes. Milk can also be purchased for your child by completing the form we will provide.

Lunches: If your child is school dinners please book your child's lunch on School Grid for each day.

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 2 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). We will be changing their book on a Wednesday.
- **Spelling practice** online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly). Spelling practice using year 2 list.
- **TTRS** and **Numbots** are also available using your **MyLogin** passcode on the school website to practise times tables and number bonds.
- **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform (optional).
- Optional **CGP book** practice.

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 2 Team



Mrs Giles (Class Teacher)
Science Lead



Mrs Doogan (Class Teacher)
Travel Ambassadors & Eco Committee Lead



Mrs Angelo (Higher Level Teaching Assistant)



Miss Rahman
(Classroom assistant)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

June				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Staff INSET Day 	2 2D writing workshop or parents 	3	4	5
8	9 2G writing workshop for parents 	10	11 World Cup Lunch Day 	12
15	16	17	18	19 School Council Bake Sale 
22	23	24 	25	26
June/July				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30	1	2	3
6	7 Awards Evening (By invite only) 	8	9 2D Eastbrookend Country Park trip 	10 End of Year Reports shared  2G Eastbrookend Country Park trip
13	14 Information about New Teachers shared 	15 Children meet New Teachers 	16	17  Finish at – 2.15 p.m.

Year 2 Home Learning Ideas

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

Be an Author...

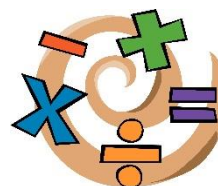
We will be reading poems by Michael Rosen and John Foster.



- Read/ share a poem with your family.
- Think of 10 rhyming words.
- Write your own poem using your rhyming words.

Be a Mathematician...

We will be working on multiplication and division calculation strategies.



- Learn 2, 5 and 10 times tables in any order.
- Practise using times tables to solve division questions.
- Can you write some multiplication and division calculations that use the same numbers i.e. $3 \times 2 = 6$, $2 \times 3 = 6$, $6 \div 2 = 3$, $6 \div 3 = 2$

Be an Artist

We will be learning how to draw portraits and use colour effectively.



- Can you draw a portrait of your pet or a toy?
- Use pencil only to draw a portrait then try one with colour.
- What artists do you know?

Be a scientist

We will be learning about plants, how they grow and what they need to become a healthy plant.



- Can you name 10 different types of plants or flowers?
- Find out what helps a plant grow with healthy leaves.
- Can you grow your own plant using a seed or bulb and record how it changes as it grows?