

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer B 2026



During our last half term in year 4, we will be doing many exciting things to finish off the year. We have a strawberry picking trip to Lathcoats Farm as well as a writing workshop with parents. In geography, we will be learning about the points of a Compass and grid references. In science, we will be learning about dangers to living things.

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 4 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days:

Tuesdays - swimming

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 4 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). Spelling practice using year 4 list.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French/ **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform.
- 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 4 Team



Mrs Lawrence (Class Teacher)
QED Lead Year 3 and 4 Writing Lead



Mr Harvey (Class Teacher)
School Council Lead



Miss Pearce (Class Teacher)
Art and DT Lead



Mrs Dodhy (Learning Support Assistant)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

June				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Staff INSET Day 	2 	3	4	5 4LH Writing Workshop 
8	9	10	11 World Cup Lunch Day 	12 4P Writing Workshop 
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 Art workshop at Valence House. 4P in the morning and 4LH in the afternoon. 	3
6 4LH Strawberry picking trip to Lathcoats Farm 	7 Awards Evening (By invite only) 	8 4LH to attend a Sports Festival  4P Strawberry picking trip to Lathcoats Farm 	9	10 End of Year Reports shared 
13	14 Information about New Teachers shared 	15 Children meet New Teachers 	16 Brass and Wind Concert – Year 3-6 	17  Finish at – 2.15 p.m.

Year 4 Home Learning Ideas

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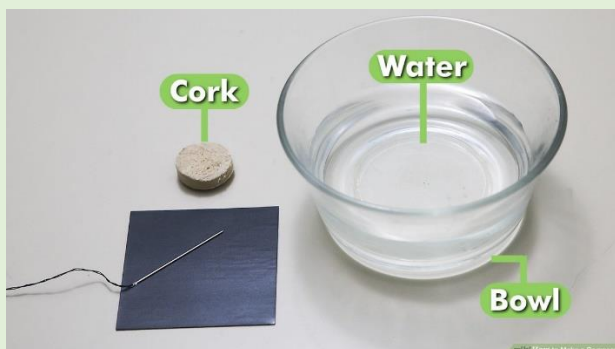


These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be a geographer...

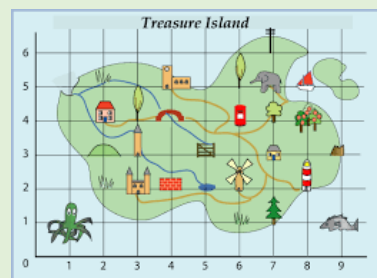
We are learning about maps, the compass and digital navigation.

- Make a compass at home using the steps on this website <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Compass>



Be a mathematician ...

- In maths, we will be learning about co-ordinates.
- Draw a treasure map and a list of co-ordinates to follow to find the treasure.



Be a researcher...

- We have been reading the book, 'The Children Who Changed the World'.
- Find out about a child who did not feature in the book but who has also had an impact on the world e.g. Greta Thunberg.



Be a horticulturist...

- This half term, we will take a trip to Lathcoats Farm to learn about plants and fruit farming.
- Why don't you see if you can grow your own fruits or vegetables in your garden from seeds? Make observations on the plant's growth.

