

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer B 2026



This half term we will be focussing on: narrative recounts and playscripts in English; shape, volume and problem solving in maths; life cycles in science; studying the work of Henri Rousseau in art; yoga and athletics in PE; and learning a wider selection of songs to play on the ukulele.

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 5 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Wednesdays (indoor) and Tuesday (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 5 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). Practising words from the Year 5 Spelling List.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practise French/Optional **Anton App**.
- Optional **Anton APP** and **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 5 Team



Mrs Peters (Class Teacher)
Music and RE Lead



Ms Limani (Class Teacher)



Mrs Begum (Learning Support)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

June				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Staff INSET Day 	2 	3 5P Writing Workshop 	4	5
8	9	10	11 World Cup Lunch Day 	12
15	16	17 5L Writing Workshop 	18	19 School Council Bake Sale 
22	23	24 	25	26
June/July				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30 5P National Gallery trip 	1 5L National Gallery trip 	2	3
6	7 Awards Evening (By invite only) 	8	9 Year 5 after school biscuit sale 	10 End of Year Reports shared 
13 Ukelele performance 	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. 

Home Learning Ideas

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

Be a Yogi...

Practise some of your yoga positions in the peace and quiet of your own home.

Follow a Youtube session:

[Link to a collection of yoga videos](#)

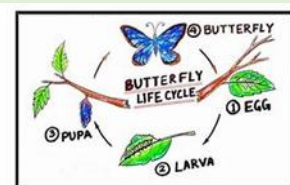


Be a Biologist...

Find and research some unusual animals and create life-cycle posters to compare them.

Watch some David Attenborough films to inspire you with ideas.

[Youtube collection of David Attenborough videos](#)



Be a script writer...

Choose your favourite book and turn it into a script. Include stage directions to explain any actions that take place.

Cinderella

Scene 1



Narrator 1 : Once upon a time there was a nice girl. Her name was Cinderella. She lived with her two horrible sisters and her stepmother.

Narrator 2 : Her sisters were lazy and evil, too. They were jealous of Cinderella because she was very beautiful.

Anastasia : Cinderella, bring me some cake!

Cinderella : Yes, Anastasia.

Drizella : Cinderella, clean my bedroom!

Cinderella : Yes, Drizella.

Become a wildlife artist...

Go out into nature or stay at home and paint your pet (on paper!). Create a suitable habitat for your animal as the backdrop. You could link this to your biologist task.

