



September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at Belmont Primary and a warm welcome to Year Five and Year Six. We hope this will be a year of exciting opportunities for all our children!

The Curriculum

Each day the children will spend the first twenty to thirty minutes doing arithmetic to develop and extend existing and new strategies. This is in-line with the SAT papers. They will also be continuing to follow a reading program called Accelerated Reading, which will involve the children reading within the classroom for a minimum of twenty minutes per day, followed by assessments. In English this year, reading is a key priority and this area will be a focus throughout the school.

We start the year with an exciting history topic, looking at World War One. This is a new project for us and we feel that it is especially important during the centenary of the end of the war. In science we begin by investigating Evolution and Inheritance, looking at how animals and plants have changed over time.

PE:

Miss Sunderland: Tuesday afternoon

Mr Wood: Tuesday afternoon

Mr Gowland: Friday afternoon

Miss Moscrop: Thursday afternoon

Please ensure that your child has a **named** PE kit with them on their PE day, as well as providing suitable clothing for both indoor and outdoor wear! All clothing should be appropriate to the weather conditions. We do suggest that, where possible, children keep their PE kit in school at all times. We send them home each half term to be washed.

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| Indoor PE Kit: |
| - White t-shirt |
| - Black shorts |
| - White socks |
| - Plimsolls |

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| Outdoor PE Kit: |
| - White tee shirt |
| - Jogging bottoms |
| - Sweatshirt (no zip) |
| - Training shoes |

Homework

Your child will complete a homework diary every week. Expected tasks will be placed into the Homework Book. It is now expected that children will have a confident, rapid recall of their tables facts up to 12×12 (out of sequence).

Spelling will continue to have a weekly focus. Your child should already have brought home an overview of this half term's spelling words. Again, details will be put into homework diaries.

We would be grateful if you could sign the diary each week to acknowledge the fact that the tasks have been completed to your satisfaction.

We are pleased to announce that the Reading Raffle is continuing this year. Please ensure you sign and date your child's reading record to confirm they have read at least four times during the week to enable them to enter the prize draw (which takes place once a fortnight – if your child reads four or more times each week that means double the chance of winning).

Listening to your child read aloud every night and asking questions about what they have read, will definitely increase their learning potential.

Drinks bottles

We do allow children to have a drink bottle in their class. However, you need to ensure that the bottle is plastic, named and contains **only water**.

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We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school day begins at 8:40am. We have several children who are already arriving later than this, which has a direct impact on the lesson being taught and, of course, their ability to follow what is being taught. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

I hope that this has given you a brief insight into what to expect over the coming months and, of course, more information will be given as other events are organised. If in the meantime you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Sunderland, Mr Wood, Mr Gowland and Miss Moscrop.