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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year at Belmont Primary School and a special welcome to Year One! We are delighted to begin this journey with your children and look forward to a year filled with exciting learning opportunities and personal growth.

The Curriculum

Each morning, the children begin their day with focused sessions in arithmetic, maths and English to build strong foundational skills. This term we will cover various topics in maths including place value and addition and subtraction. In English we will begin the year by looking at a variety of Julia Donaldson stories.

We start the year with an exciting geography topic, Our School! In Design and Technology, the children will be making a fruit salad. In science, we begin by learning about everyday materials. For more information on the subjects that we will be covering this year, please see the Year One Curriculum Map, which is available to view on the school website.

PE

Miss Bibby : Wednesday am and Thursday pm

Mrs Hawthorne: Wednesday am and Thursday pm

PE Kit:

- White t-shirt
- Jogging bottoms or shorts
- School jumper
- Trainers

We ask that the children come to school already wearing their PE kit on their designated day and bring a water bottle. Earrings should be removed or covered for PE.

Little Wandle

Phonics remains a key focus in Year One and we will continue to deliver the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme through daily lessons. During the autumn term, we will revisit Phase 3 phonics to reinforce understanding before progressing to Phase 5. To support this, your child will receive weekly spellings to practise at home—these will be sent out on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

Reading will continue to be taught in three structured sessions each week, focusing on decoding, prosody (reading with expression) and comprehension. While reading is taught in school, regular practice at home plays a vital role in your child's progress. Each week, your child will bring home two types of reading books:

- A reading practice book matched to their current phonics stage, which they should be able to read fluently and independently. (Sent home on Friday, returned on Monday)
- A reading for pleasure book, chosen to encourage enjoyment and discussion. Your child should be able to read most of this independently and it offers a great opportunity to share reading together. (Sent home on Monday, returned the following Monday)

Once your child has completed the Little Wandle reading scheme, they will move on to a coloured level book appropriate to their reading ability.

Homework

All children are expected to read their Little Wandle book at least 2 times per week at home. Once they have read two times, a stamp will be added to their bookmark. Once the children reach ten stamps, they will receive a prize in the celebration assembly.

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday and tested the following Monday. These follow the sounds which are being taught weekly in the children's phonics lessons.

Homework books are sent home every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Thursday. Inside each book, you'll find a homework grid containing a variety of activities linked to different areas of learning. Each week, children are asked to choose one activity from the grid to complete and the completed homework should be returned to school on a Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch—we're always happy to help. We're looking forward to a positive and productive year working together with you and your children.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Hawthorne and Miss Bibby