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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year at Belmont Primary School, and a special welcome to Year Two! 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 studying the book We're Going To Find A Monster.

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

## PE

Both classes have PE lessons on Monday and Friday.

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 Two, and we will continue to deliver the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds programme through daily lessons. During the autumn term, we will revisit Phase 5 phonics to reinforce understanding before progressing to spelling patterns. To support this, your child will receive weekly spellings to practise at home. A half termly spelling list is stuck in your child's homework book. The date of the test is at the top of each list.

For some children, 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 at least four times per week at home. Those children on Little Wandle may wish to read their reading practise book twice and their pleasure book twice. Once they have read four times, a stamp will be added to their bookmark. Once the children reach ten stamps, they will receive a prize in the celebration assembly.

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,

Miss Schumm, Mrs Hugill and Mrs Chipchase