

# THE BELHAM BUZZ

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## HEAD TEACHER'S NOTE

We thought you might be interested in a resource we recently came across published by Collins Education: a Targeted Practice Workbook in Maths for each year group, containing all the maths topics that the children cover during the course of the year, with a particular focus upon 'Number'.

The books contain differentiated questions, progress tests and importantly the answers, which you could use with your child throughout the year. The questions or 'challenges' could be undertaken whilst the children were covering the topic in school, reinforcing the learning away from the classroom, or alternatively could be used at random times during the course of the year to support you in understanding mathematical strengths and gaps on an ongoing basis. We liked the books for their simplicity and their ease of use as well as their coverage of the new National Curriculum syllabus.

There is absolutely no obligation to buy, and we are not expecting teachers to set homework from them, but we are aware that many of you would like additional ideas around what you might do at home or during the school holidays to support your child's skills. The books cost £3 (they are £5.99 online), and we will order some in advance of our Parents' Evenings so that if you want, you can buy on the night.

## FAMILY WILDLIFE LEARNING

On Mondays from 3.30-5pm the [Centre for Wildlife Gardening](#) on Marsden Road is running free family learning sessions. Parents and children of all ages can enjoy fun crafts, activities and games to find out about London nature. The first session is on Monday 30 January. For further information contact Diane Wallace at [dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:dwallace@wildlondon.org.uk) or call 020 7252 9186.

## KEY DATES

### Friday 27 January

Linen class visit Peckham Library

### Monday 30 January

Reception visit Chinese restaurant

### Thursday 2 February

Poplin visit Elim House for Bring Me Sunshine session

### Friday 3 February

Cotton class visit Peckham Library

Reception parents mindfulness session, 2pm F/Chapel

### Monday 6 February

Poplin to Royal Festival Hall, South Bank

**\*packed lunch required\***

### Tuesday 7 / Wednesday 8 / Thursday 9 February

Parents' Evenings

### Thursday 9 February

Reception Chinese dance workshop

Poplin visit Elim House for Bring Me Sunshine session

### Friday 10 February

Last day of term & FoB cake sale at Thomas Calton

## BRING ME SUNSHINE

On **2 and 9 February** Poplin class are thrilled to be going back to Elim House on Bellenden Road to see the elders and sing with them. If you can spare an hour, your support will help the session so much, and it's a chance to share the experience and to see the special bond grow between these amazing older people who have so much to offer the children, and who welcome them so warmly into their centre. Please let Rebecca McCutcheon know if you plan to be there by emailing [rebeccamccutcheon@hotmail.com](mailto:rebeccamccutcheon@hotmail.com). Younger siblings are also welcome. We'll meet at 11am at Elim House.