



## Year 1 Autumn Term – 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! It is so lovely to have all the children back at school and we are really looking forward to having a fun year together! This term we are focusing on our mental health and wellbeing – and will be spending a lot of time discussing how to be kind friends, whilst also developing our independent learning skills.

At The Belham, we teach Year 1 through exploration and play. We deliver short teacher led sessions each day, and throughout the rest of the day we support the children to develop independent learning skills and teach them whilst they are engaged in different activities. This can lead to our topics changing based on the children's own interests and experiences – and will also be why the children come home saying they played all day!

We will be building on all the learning from Reception and will ensure that we address any gaps in the children's learning so that they can approach the Year 1 curriculum with confidence.

The children each have their own 'Learning Journey Folder' in class for the majority of their learning. We will continue to share snapshots of whole class learning on Tapestry.

### Autumn 1

This half term, our overarching theme is 'Our Local Area', where we will be reading the story 'Naughty Bus'. We will learn this story, explore the text and will then create our own picture books. We will also explore Peckham and will create maps of our classroom, school and local area. In maths, we are exploring the numbers up to 10. We will be ordering them, sequencing them, calculating one more and one less as well as beginning to add and subtract numbers.

### Autumn 2

Next half term we will move on to our topic of 'Toys', where the children will read the story 'Pinocchio'. They will work towards writing their own character description. We will look at how toys have changed throughout time and will even be designing and sewing our own soft toys!

### **PE**

This term Year 1 will have dance lessons on **Wednesday** mornings.

### **Garden**

Please ensure the children have wellington boots in school with them, regardless of weather conditions, as the garden does get very muddy. Waterproof trousers are strongly encouraged as the children have the opportunity to play in the mud kitchen and this can get very messy!

Please check the weather and ensure that the children wear a sun hat or a warm coat to school and bring hats, gloves and scarves if necessary.



### **General reminders**

- Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day.
- Please make a note in your child's reading record when they have read their book twice so that we know to change it.
- Please label ALL your child's belongings.

### **Wool class reminders**

Monday- reading book

Wednesday- Dance lesson (PE kit required)

Thursday- Garden day + reading book

### **Felt class reminders**

Monday- reading book

Tuesday- Garden day

Wednesday- Dance lesson (PE kit required)

Thursday- reading book

Thank you!

Wool class teacher – Maddy Tee

Support staff – Mrs Mousli and Miss Drabek

Felt class teacher – Freyja Costelloe  
Miss Ida

Support staff – Miss Shellie, Miss Lara, Miss Luci and

Please contact us on ClassDojo if you have any further questions/ concerns!