



### Year One: Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1! It is so lovely to have all the children back at school and we are super excited to have a fun year together!

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 of the learning from Reception and will ensure that we address any gaps in the children's understanding 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 also keep you updated with any information you may need via ClassDojo and the school office. Please also feel free to direct any questions or messages you have for us regarding your child's learning through ClassDojo too.

#### Autumn 1

This half term, our overarching theme is 'Me and My Local Area', where we will be discussing our feelings and behaviours through engaging story books. We will also explore Peckham and will create maps of our classroom, school and the local area. In maths, we are consolidating 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 & Traditional Tales', where the children will read several stories, including 'Pinocchio' and 'Chicken Licken'. We will look at how toys have changed throughout time and we will be designing our own dragon as part of our DT project!

#### PE

Children must have their full school PE kit in school (in a yellow drawstring bag). We ask that children keep their PE kits in school all week - just in case. This term we will have:

- PE on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Yoga on Thursdays.

#### Garden

This term Lace and Poplin will be going to the Garden on Wednesday afternoons.

Please ensure the children bring in wellington boots on their garden day, 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 appropriate clothing for the weather.

#### General reminders

- Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day, including their reading book and diary record.
- Please make a note in your child's reading record when you have read with them, each book should be read twice, once for decoding and once for comprehension. Books will only be changed if reading has been logged. Reading books will continue to be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- PE kits must be brought to school on Mondays and children will take them home every Friday.
- Please label ALL your child's belongings.

Thank you!

Ms Chan, Miss Lopez, Ms Lara, Ms Shellie, Mrs Mellor, Ms Thorpe and Ms Mousli.