



**Spring 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers

This email will provide you with information about the coming term. Shortly you will be able to find a topic map on the school website outlining the topic areas for learning this term.

### **Literacy**

Each day the children will participate in a dedicated Phonics session in addition to Literacy lessons. During Phonics, the children will continue to develop their understanding of graphemes and phonemes and we will continue to support them in preparation for the mandatory Phonics Screening check in June.

Literacy lessons continue to be linked to a core text and will link closely to the topic. These will provide the children with lots of opportunity to develop their comprehension and writing skills. The children will explore characters, settings, non-fiction and poetry. They will be encouraged to talk about their opinions of the texts. The children are learning to join up their writing using the online scheme 'Letterjoin'. We will be sending login details to you shortly so that you can help support your child at home as well.

Children will receive two reading books each week. They will receive a reading scheme book, which will be changed on a **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** as long as your child's reading record is signed to show that the book has been finished. This gives two nights for your child to read their book before receiving a new one, meaning one reading can be focused on decoding words and the second reading can be focused on comprehension of the text. We will also be giving your child a library book on a **Tuesday**.

### **Supporting your child's learning**

Please use these ideas to support your child when reading their books with you at home.

- Encourage your child to discuss what they have read and seen in books.
- Encourage to recognise any sight words (red words) or sounds that they know.
- Ask questions about what has happened/how the character may feel.

### **Maths**

Children will also take part in daily Maths lessons. Please see the topic map for the areas of maths we shall be covering.

**Supporting your child's mathematical learning at home:**

- Number formation
- Place value within 20/50
- Addition and subtraction within 20
- Multiples of 2, 5 and 10
- Measurement: length and height + weight and volume
- Allowing your children to look at and ask questions about coins

Mathletics homework will be assigned each **Friday**.

### **Humanities and Science**

Please see the topic map for specific areas of learning.

### **Arts and Design**

We will be providing the children with lots of different materials and media to create pieces of art. The children will continue to enjoy specialist Music lessons and singing lessons.

### **Physical Development.**

The children will be taking part in weekly outdoor football lessons with a specialist teacher as well as one multi-sport lesson a week. In addition to this, we will have access to the Garden where the children will be taking part in a range of activities immersing themselves in nature and the outdoors.

Please note:

During the first half of this term, Silk will go to the Garden on Wednesday afternoons and Velvet will go to the Garden on Tuesday afternoons.

Both classes will have PE on Mondays and Fridays.

Outdoor play is fundamental to the children's physical development. We encourage the children to explore our outdoor area where they have access to learning opportunities that are not always available in the classroom environment.

We will continue to encourage the children to recognise the importance of keeping healthy in a variety of ways, through diet, physical exercise and hygiene. Please encourage your children to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet at home.

### **Trips**

We have some lovely events and trips planned! You will be informed of these through email and they should be on the topic map.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Through carpet times we will be focusing on resolving conflict and developing skills for independent learning. Our topic for Assemblies this term is a continuation of 'What does it mean to be a Belhamite?'

We will be learning about Christianity. It is important that children are aware of different faiths as this encourages them to value and respect one another's' cultures and beliefs. Immersed in all curriculum areas there is a focus on sharing, turn-taking, personal hygiene and independence.

## **Reminders**

- It is vital that you let the school know if you are unable to collect your child from school. You can do this by speaking to the class teacher, phone or email to inform us of who will be collecting your child.
- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits and wellies are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.
- Please remember that staff are always available before and after school to answer any questions.

Kind regards,

Miss Tee and Miss Lopez