



Autumn 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We are really excited for the year ahead and more than ready to get stuck into learning through our 'glittering curriculum'. This term we are focussing on our mental health and wellbeing. We will explore how to be a good friend and neighbour to those around us by reading stories and learning about different communities.

This term will be exploring 'marvellous inventions' where we'll be learning about the famous inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We will also be learning about everyday materials in Science. The majority of our learning in Year 2 will be cross curricular, for example, the theme of 'marvellous inventions' will also appear in our English lessons where we'll be reading Rosie Revere Engineer by Andrea Beaty. Please refer to the topic web for further information on this term's learning.

You will be able to view photos of children's learning and keep updated with any information you may need via ClassDojo. Please also feel free to direct any questions or messages you have for us regarding your child's learning through ClassDojo too.

Core Subjects

During this term, we will concentrate on the recovery curriculum, addressing any gaps in children's learning and ensuring that children have a deep understanding of previously taught content so that they will be able to approach the Year 2 curriculum with confidence.

We will make sure to contact parents if we have any concerns that could affect your child's progress.

Reading

We will assess your child's reading and comprehension at the beginning of the term. We encourage the children to read every day at home where possible. This might mean that they are reading aloud to an adult or at times, they may be listening to an adult read. Finding a balance that works for you and your family is really important. Please make a record of this in the children's reading records. Please ensure that your child has their reading book and record with them in school **every day**. We will change books once a week on a Thursday to allow for adequate time in the quarantine book-box.

Physical Development & Outside Learning

It is important that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a drawstring bag) with them each week. **Our PE lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.**

Visits to the garden will be taking place, however, we will inform you when they will be happening via ClassDojo. On any visits, children will require a waterproof jacket and wellington boots or a hat and sun cream.

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 liked and disliked about the book.
- Continue to encourage segmenting blending strategies when encountering new words
- Ask questions about what has happened/how the character may feel and why/make predictions on what will happen next

Supporting your child's mathematical learning at home:

- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Number bonds to 20.
- Exploring halves and quarters.
- The 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Counting money
- Telling the time to the nearest 15 minutes.

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and a water bottle to school every day. Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits, are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.
- Please ensure your child has their hair tied back and that they are not wearing jewellery.
- Please ensure that your child has a jumper and waterproof jacket in school.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to all parents for your support and patience as we commence the new school term. Together we will work to ensure a happy and encouraging start to the year for our Belhamites.

Kind Regards,

Miss Gardner and Ms Doig