



Year Five: Autumn 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer and are ready for an exciting term at The Belham. Things may be a little bit different at school but we are all here to support you and your child getting settled back into normal school life. This email will provide you with information about the coming term.

This term our overarching topic will be 'Our World'. During this term we will be exploring what different religions and world views believe about God, as well as creating Benin bronze heads inspired by those made in the Kingdom of Benin, Nigeria in the 16th century. We will also be examining the British Empire, looking at the rise, fall, impact and aftermath of the Empire. This will link in with our first English text *Jemmy Button* which is based on a young boy from Tierra del Fuego in the early 1800s.

Supporting your child's learning

Provide opportunities for practical mathematics: making, cooking, designing. Allow them to handle money including checking change. Practice times tables and number facts, discuss patterns or tricks.

We will continue to be promoting a love of reading and still expect children to be reading at home for approximately **20 minutes per night**, this should be recorded in their reading records (they can record, or you can).

Physical Development & Outside Learning

It is vital that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a draw-string bag) with them each week—we suggest that they bring it in on Monday and take it home on Friday as often PE lessons may be moved to accommodate other activities.

Our PE lessons will be on a **Monday** (netball), **Thursday** (yoga) and **Friday** (football).

Trips and Visits

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are unable to currently organise school trips. Luckily we have managed to organise an in school workshop with The Young Shakespeare Company to introduce our *Macbeth* unit in Autumn 2.

Key Dates:

Macbeth Workshop – Tuesday 3rd November.

Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school.
- Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school all week.

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team

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