



Year Five: Spring 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for another exciting term at The Belham. This email will provide you with information about the coming term.

This term our overarching topic will be 'Our Wonderful World'. During this we will look at the life-cycle changes in a variety of living things as well as finding out about the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists, David Attenborough and Jane Goodall. We will try and grow new plants and observe changes in animals over a period of time.

We will also be looking at 'Invasion' through the War of the Roses. This will be linked to English where the children will have the opportunity to create an autobiography for a member of either the House of York or the House of Lancaster.

Supporting your child's learning

Provide opportunities for practical mathematics: making, cooking, designing. Allow your children to handle money including checking change. Practise 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).

PE & Outdoor 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 PE lessons may be moved to accommodate other activities.

Our P.E lessons will be on a **Monday** (gymnastics), **Thursday** (yoga) and **Friday** (Touch Rugby).

We will also be visiting the school garden on **Wednesday** so please ensure that your child has suitable footwear (different to their school shoes). The children should arrive at school in their wellington boots, as they will go straight to the garden from the playground.

Trips and Visits

We will be going to Allyn's school to listen to Kevin Fong who will be giving an exciting talk about Space and extreme environments! In March, we will be going to the Horniman Museum to explore how animals are adapted to their homes and will be taking part in the museum's animal walk.

Key Dates:

Wednesday 22nd January – The Big Lecture with Professor Kevin Fong
Thursday 19th March- Horniman Museum

Please check SchoolsBuddy for more information.

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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