



Belmont Community Primary School Reception Newsletter

Reindeer Class 2026/27

Welcome to Reindeer Class 😊

Sending you all the warmest welcome as we begin your first year at Belmont Primary! We hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer with your families and are now super excited to start school! We have many exciting learning opportunities planned for you across the year and hope that you will leave Reception with many happy and memorable moments!

To our new families, we are looking forward to working closely with you all and getting to know both you, and your little people well! Your child will have their own Tapestry learning journal, where photos and videos are regularly shared with you to communicate any learning and special achievements during your child's first year in school. Please do regularly check-in with Tapestry and support your child with little challenges we may set across the year!

We really appreciate your ongoing support - it makes all the difference!



My name is Miss Laskey – I will be the teacher in Reception Class! I have been teaching for 7 years... so you will be my 8th class!

What's happening in the Autumn Term?

Our year begins with the topic 'Happy, Healthy Me!' Our focus this term will be settling in, getting to know each other, making new friends and becoming familiar with our school routines. We will be learning about what makes us special and unique and ways we can keep healthy! We will enjoy fruit tasting and hold an art-exhibition after school to showcase our beautiful self-portraits! After half-term, our topic will change to 'Let's Celebrate!' Here, we will learn about Bonfire Night, Diwali and of course, Christmas!! This term, we welcome a visit from the fire engine, enjoy a Christmas party and sing songs on the stage in our Nativity performance!

What's happening in the Spring Term?

During our first term back after Christmas, we begin with learning about Chinese New Year. We make lanterns and taste Chinese food! Our new topic 'Once Upon a Time' will then begin! Here, we enjoy delving into the world of traditional tales and meet many cheeky characters along the way! Our highlights this term include baking gingerbread men, tasting porridge and building houses to withstand the Big Bad Wolf on our construction day! After half term, our topic then moves to 'All Creatures Great and Small!' We will be looking at a variety of animals from a range of different habitats concluding with a special chick hatching experience as we lead up to Easter!

What's happening in the Summer Term?

Our Summer term begins with the topic 'Sunshine and flowers!' Here we look closely at nature, minibeasts and the great outdoors! We will enjoy pond dipping, planting sunflowers and watch our class caterpillars turn into butterflies! This term, we also enjoy heading out of school on an exciting class trip to 'Wild in the Woods!' During our final, (and very busy!), term in Reception, our topic will be 'Our Big Wide World!' Here we will look at transport and travel... we will meet the famous 100 decker bus and enjoy a 'royal afternoon tea' as we learn about our capital city, London!

Footprint Friday

Footprint Friday is an outdoor learning day that takes place in our school woodland area, each Friday, from the beginning of the school year, until the end! On this day, we enjoy a range of outdoor learning opportunities such as searching for minibeasts, mixing nature potions, painting puddles, climbing trees and building dens! Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school for this day as we head outdoors whatever the weather! Footprint Friday is always a fantastic way to end each week!



PE

Our PE day is the same each week. On this day, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE colours, burgundy and black, and that earrings are removed on this day.



Bucket List Challenges

Across the year, your child will be sent home with a seasonal 'bucket list challenge!' This is a list of memorable moments that we'd love you to experience together as a family. Please tick off as many as you can each term, in any order, take some photos and upload them to Tapestry so we can celebrate these moments with both your child, and their friends, in school!



Rewards

At Belmont, we use 'dojo's' as part of our reward system. Each child has a dojo character where they can win points for following our school rules and going above and beyond! We have a 'Winner's Wednesday' assembly each week, where the child with the most points in the class will win a prize! Alongside this, one child will be chosen to be our 'Star Achiever'. This is won by a child who has continually impressed us all week! As a parent, you will be invited to our Friday 'Star Achiever' assembly at the end of the day to watch your child win their award!



Please do also take a look on our school website [Belmont Community Primary School - Home](#) for more information! We even have our own class page! 😊

Phonics

At Belmont, we use the phonics programme Read Write Inc. We begin with learning our single letter sounds and meeting Fred! Fred is our phonics frog who will help us learn to blend... he talks only in sounds, so we have to listen to the sounds together to hear the word! During the Autumn term, you will be invited into school to see exactly how phonics is taught. Please click the link below for more information regarding our school phonics programme.

[Belmont Community Primary School - Phonics At Belmont - Parent Guides](#)



Reading

During the Autumn term, your child will be bringing home their reading folder - we ask that this is kept in your child's school bag each day please. Across the year this will be filled with sound flashcards, one-word blending books, reading books and then some 'tricky words' for your child to practice at home with you. Supporting your child with their early reading is the most important thing you can do during their first year in school. The difference in those children who practice every day at home, is huge - they quickly make progress and become more fluent, confident readers. Each time you listen to your child read, please record a brief comment in their reading diary for us to see!



Sharing Books

Twice weekly, your child will also choose a 'sharing book' to bring home. This book will be ideal to read to your child before bed each night and is a book to encourage reading for pleasure. We want both you and your child to love story time and sharing new books together! Please keep an eye out for these books and pop them back in your child's bag each day ready to be swapped!

