



Belmont Community Primary School Year 1 Newsletter

Fallow Class 2026/27

Welcome to Fallow Class 😊

Welcome to Year 1! We are delighted to welcome our children and families to an exciting year of learning, discovery and growing independence. Year 1 is a wonderful opportunity for children to build on their experiences from Reception, while developing confidence, curiosity and a love of learning.

Our nurturing and inclusive classroom creates a warm and supportive environment where every child is encouraged to flourish and reach their full potential. We will nurture independence, curiosity and a love of learning, while helping children to grow in confidence and develop positive relationships. We look forward to working closely in partnership with you to ensure your child has a happy, successful and memorable year, filled with exciting learning experiences and opportunities to shine.



Mrs Litten and Miss Ferguson are privileged to teach in Year 1. We have both worked across many different year groups, but Year 1 holds a special place in our hearts!

What's happening in the Autumn Term?

This term, our focus will be on settling into Year 1, getting to know one another, building new friendships and becoming familiar with our classroom and school routines. We will learn about ourselves, our families and the special people in our lives, while exploring what makes each of us unique.

Our maths learning will recap all the wonderful learning from reception using numbers up to 10 and we will begin to record this more formally in our books. We always have lots of practical activities each lesson too, so our books will be full of photographs! In English, we will continue to practise our letter formation, using our phonic knowledge and structuring simple sentences both orally and written. In History, we will think about our own personal history and discover how we have changed and grown since we were babies. Through Art, the children will develop their drawing and mark-making skills, experimenting with different tools, materials and techniques to express their ideas creatively. We will also explore the changing seasons in Science, observing the world around us and noticing how the weather, plants and animals change throughout the year.

Our Nativity performance is always the highlight of the Autumn Term and we can't wait to welcome you to our show!

What's happening in the Spring Term? We are looking forward to an exciting Spring Term filled with curiosity, creativity and hands-on learning! In Science, the children will be learning about the Human Body, exploring the different parts of the body and developing their understanding of how our bodies work. Our History topic, 'How Have Toys Changed?', will encourage the children to explore toys from the past and compare them with the toys we enjoy today. We will use artefacts from Lincoln Museum to investigate and discover how toys have changed over time. Our creativity will continue in Art, where we will explore sculpture through our Paper Play unit. Children will experiment with folding, twisting, shaping and joining paper to create imaginative three-dimensional artwork. Our maths learning will be focussing on numbers up to 50 and addition and subtraction within 20. We will also be exploring measures, such as length, height, mass and volume.

The highlight of Spring Term is our trip to Greatwood Farm to see the lambs!

What's happening in the Summer Term? During the Summer Term the children will travel across the world as we learn all about Shanghai. We will discover what life is like in this fascinating city, exploring its location, landmarks, culture and how it compares to where we live. In History, we will learn about explorers and the incredible journeys they have made. The children will discover how explorers have helped us to learn more about the world and will develop their understanding of significant people and events from the past. In Maths, we will continue to build confidence with numbers to 100, as well as developing our understanding of multiplication, division and fractions through practical activities, reasoning and problem-solving.

Our favourite parts of the Summer Term are smoothie making and sports day

Forest School

We are excited to continue our Forest School sessions, where the children will have lots of opportunities to learn, explore and enjoy the outdoors. Throughout our sessions, the children will explore a range of natural objects and materials, using them to inspire creativity and curiosity. We will create natural artwork, investigate the environment around us and learn more about the birds and wildlife we may discover.

You will receive further information about this closer to the time.



PE

Our PE days are the same each week. On these days, 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.



Homework

Each term there will be an optional homework grid to support your child's learning. On here, there will be activities linked to what we are learning in school. Your child will bring home a homework book, where they can record this homework through drawing, writing and photographs. We also welcome photos send via the Dojo App. The children are asked to choose one activity every 2 weeks. Children who complete homework will receive extra Dojo points.



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!

Phonics

At Belmont, we use the phonics programme Read Write Inc. Children in Year 1 attend phonics for 35 minutes each day. The children move to different teachers so that the session is carefully tailored to their next steps. The phonics reading books will be changed every 3 or 5 days depending on the group. The books the children bring home will be very familiar to them as they will have practised them in school. This is proven to build fluency and improve progress. More information regarding phonics can be found on the link below.

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



Reading

During the first full week, 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, reading books and 'tricky words' for your child to practise at home with you. Supporting your child with their early reading is the most important thing you can do during their first years in school. The difference in those children who practise 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! We will award Dojo points each time your child reads at home and the diary is signed.



Reading for Pleasure

Your child can choose a 'bedtime book' to share with an adult at home. This book can be changed as often as they like, but we will remind all the children once a week. 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! These books have a 'Star Sticker' on the front and need to be kept in bags so that they are ready to be swapped! More information about reading for pleasure can be found at <https://literacytrust.org.uk/reading-for-pleasure/>.



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! 😊