



Belmont Community Primary School Newsletter

Elk Class 2026/27

Welcome to Elk Class 😊

A very warm welcome to all of our Elk Class families as we begin another exciting year at Belmont Primary. I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are ready for the year ahead.

Year 2 is a fantastic year filled with new challenges, opportunities and achievements. We have lots of engaging learning experiences planned across the curriculum, and I am looking forward to helping the children build on everything they have already learned while developing greater independence and confidence.

Throughout the year, I will use Dojo to share important information, class updates, reminders and celebrations of the children's successes. Please check Dojo regularly and feel free to contact me through the platform if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything relating to your child.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together helps to ensure that every child has a happy, successful and rewarding year in Elk Class.



My name is Mrs Jessop and I can't wait to be your teacher!

What's happening in Autumn term?

Maths- We will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction, and shape.

English- We will build on Year 1 skills with a focus on handwriting, sentence construction and writing inspired by a range of exciting texts.

Science- We will explore everyday materials and animals, including humans, with a focus on life cycles and healthy lifestyles.

Across our wider curriculum, we will be learning about schools in the past in History, including what Belmont Primary was like when it first opened 50 years ago. In Geography, we will explore the question "Why is our world wonderful?", learning how to read maps and discovering the countries and key features of the United Kingdom. In Art, we will create a variety of maps using different techniques and materials, while in Design and Technology we will design and make moving monsters, learning how levers and simple mechanisms can create movement. A real highlight of the term is our Nativity!

What's happening in the Spring Term?

Maths- We will be learning about money, multiplication and division, length and height, and mass, capacity and temperature.

English- We will develop our understanding of nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs, while also learning key Year 2 grammar skills, including apostrophes and commas in a list.

Science- We will investigate habitats and microhabitats, spending lots of time outdoors exploring the natural world around us.

Across our wider curriculum, we will learn about the history of flight, including the achievements of the Wright brothers. In Geography, we will explore the question "Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?" as we compare different climates around the world. In Art, we will develop our understanding of colour through painting, while in Design and Technology we will design and create our own Ferris wheels.

What's happening in the Summer Term?

Maths- We will be learning about fractions, time, statistics, and position and direction.

English- We will continue to build our writing stamina, explore a range of engaging texts and develop our skills as confident writers. We will also enjoy reading short chapter books together, including George's Marvellous Medicine.

Science- We will learn about plants and making connections, growing our own plants while exploring sustainability and how we can care for the world around us.

Across our wider curriculum, we will learn about British monarchs, focusing on modern monarchs as well as William the Conqueror. We will bring our History learning to life with a visit to Lincoln Castle. In Geography, we will explore the question "What is it like to live near the coast?" and celebrate the end of the year with a beach day. In Art, we will create clay houses and tiles as part of our sculpture unit, while in Design and Technology we will design and make a throne fit for Baby Bear.

Forest School

During one term each year, Elk Class will take part in Forest School and outdoor learning, giving the children opportunities to explore, investigate and learn in the natural environment. Our outdoor sessions will encourage curiosity, independence, teamwork and confidence through a range of practical activities. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies kept in school so they are ready to get outside whatever the weather! You will be informed via ParentMail when it is Elk Class's turn to take part.



PE

We will have 2 PE days 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.



Phonics

At Belmont, we follow the Read Write Inc. phonics programme. In Year 2, children will continue to develop their accuracy and fluency when reading, while also learning to read with greater expression and emotion. Children are assessed termly to ensure that they are working at the appropriate level and that the books they are reading are well matched to their individual needs. We will focus on building confident, fluent readers who can enjoy and understand the texts they read. [Belmont Community Primary School - Phonics At Belmont - Parent Guides](#)



Reading

Reading is a really important part of life in Elk Class, and we would love to see the children develop a real love of reading this year. Each week, children will bring home two books. Children who are still working within phonics will take home the book they have been reading in school, alongside a Book Bag Book matched to their phonics level. These books will be changed weekly. Children who have graduated from phonics will choose a book matched to their Accelerated Reader level, which will be recorded in their reading diary each term, alongside a Reading for Pleasure book of their choice.

We expect children to read at home at least four times each week. Each time your child reads, please sign their reading diary. Children will receive a Dojo for each home reading session, and reading diaries will be checked weekly. Once a child has read their book three times, they can complete an Accelerated Reader quiz. If they pass, they can then choose a new book. Please ensure that reading folders are brought into school every day, as they are an important part of our daily routines.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey — your encouragement at home makes a huge difference!

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!



Homework and Spellings

Each term, children will receive a homework grid filled with fun activities linked to the learning taking place in Elk Class. Please choose one activity to complete with your child every two weeks. These activities are designed to support and reinforce their learning while providing opportunities for you to learn together at home.

Each week, I will also upload our spelling rule and word list onto Dojo. Please take some time to share these with your child and practise the words together. Regular, short practice sessions will help the children become more confident and accurate spellers.



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! 😊

