



Belmont Community Primary School Newsletter

Taruca Class 2026/27

Welcome to Taruca Class

I am so excited to welcome you all into year six. I hope you have all had a restful summer holiday and are ready to get stuck into all of the exciting and fascinating learning we have ahead of us.

I was so lucky to get the opportunity to get to know the children for a few weeks before the end of last academic year, this means that we will be able to get started straight away with building the children's confidence and competence. I also hope that knowing me somewhat already will help curb any "new class" anxiety anyone may be feeling (it definitely helped me 😊).

We have lots of exciting learning and trips this year, chief among them being our residential in Whitby. Last year was amazing and I am sure this year will be even better.

I look forward to getting to know you all even better.



My name is Ryan Debono.
You will be my second class
at Belmont.

I enjoy Judo, fencing and
paddleboarding.

What's happening in the Autumn Term?

We will be hitting the ground running, starting the Number and Place Value in maths. In Writing we will be working on Window by Jeannie Baker and in Reading we will be starting with poetry, specifically the poetry of Benjamin Zephaniah. In our afternoon sessions we will be exploring a wide variety of topic. In History we will be learning about our local area through the use of secondary sources. In Geography we will be learning about population change. In Science we will be learning about Carl Linnaeus and his work on animal classification. Our DT will be very hands on as we learn about gears and pulleys, and in Art we will be photographers in our "Photo Opportunity" topic. PE will be Fitness, Netball, Ruby and Yoga.

What's happening in the Spring Term?

After Christmas we will be learning about WW2 in History ahead of our amazing trip to the National Holocaust Centre. Geography becomes all about energy, how it is generated and which source is best for our planet. Science links to our Geography as we learn about batteries, switches and circuits (a favourite topic of mine!). We will then use this electrical knowledge to build "steady hand games" in DT. We had some crazy designs last year, so I am excited to see what you all create. Continuing the theme of electricity and linking to our WW2 History, our Computing in Spring term is all about Bletchley Park, Alan Turing and code breaking. PE will be Dance, Hockey, Parkour (very excited for this!) and Volleyball.

What's happening in the Summer Term?

In the Summer Term we obviously have our SATs. That however, will not stop us from diving into some interesting and exciting learning. We will be conducting field work studies of our local area in Geography. In Science we will be investigating light and reflection (another of my favourite topics). In computing we will be learning to use the coding language Python3.

PE will be Rounders, Athletics, Tennis and Sports day prep.

Homework

In preparation for Secondary School, Year 6 will be receiving homework every week. For our first half term this will be one piece of either Maths, Reading or Grammar. The specific topic will be selected to support what we have been learning at school.

This will be sent out on Friday and is expected back the following Friday.

Homework club is available, free of charge, every morning from 8:30am.

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.

Assessments

Across the year we will be completing regular SATs style assessments. We will be doing this to help reduce any SATs anxiety which the children may feel as the 'real thing' approaches. It also helps the teaching team to know what we need to put in place to best support all the children in the class.

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!

Reading

Each week, every child is expected to read at least five times. These reads must be recorded in their yellow reading diary. As we are in Year 6 it is okay for the children to record their own reads. However, if parents would like to record reads, or add additional comments, that is absolutely okay too.

The reading journal must come into school every day, as whenever a school adult reads with your child, or whenever they read independently, this will also be recorded in the reading diary.

Weekly reads do not always have to be your child's set book, they can be a book read for pleasure too.

Support at home

If you would like any materials or guidance on supporting your child at home please do not hesitate to ask.

Generally, as long as children are reading at least five times a week, practicing their times tables and spellings and completing their homework, that is plenty of support.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. We have cups available for the odd occasion that bottles are forgotten, but as you can imagine these spill easily – so a sealable water bottle is ideal.



Reading for Pleasure.

In class we have a good selection of unbanded books which can be selected and taken home as reading for pleasure books. I also have a personal collection high-quality of books which I am happy to lend out as well.

If you have any books at home which you would like to donate to the school, we are always happy to have more books.

