



Beenham Primary School

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Valuing ourselves, valuing everybody

Dear Families

We have had a busy first seven weeks of the autumn term but so much learning has taken place.

Phonics

The phonics groups have been working well across the school and the children are enjoying learning the sounds, remembering the writing phrases and using their sounds in words.

Reading

This is a very central part to our curriculum in all subjects. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and gives them access to the wider world. Just a few minutes per day can have a big, positive impact on children of all ages.

English

All classes have been using oracy and reading to investigate texts and explore how paragraphs can be built using sentence stacking. The children have focused on different books in each class and have looked at a variety of genres.

Maths

Our work on maths mastery has been going well. We are encouraging the children to use full sentences to explain their thinking and answers. Fluency is at the centre of the updated National Curriculum for maths. In this context, "fluency" refers to knowing key mathematical facts and methods and recalling these efficiently.

It is widely acknowledged that practice, drill and memorisation are essential if students are to become mathematically fluent.

But it is important to recognise that fluency is not solely about memorising and recalling facts; it also means being able to work flexibly and choose the most appropriate method for the problem at hand.

Here are some links to maths you can do at home to support your child:

EYFS

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/pelham-primary-school/UploadedDocument/b9ff59350c18461cb6c07cf08b71d8d4/eyfs.pdf>

Year 1

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/pelham-primary-school/UploadedDocument/edccef35cd94a0fbb44412eb7dc5acf/year-1.pdf>

Year 2

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Year 3

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Year 4

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/pelham-primary-school/UploadedDocument/6eaf82b3451c447bbc76ff27c54fa52d/year-4.pdf>

Year 5

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/pelham-primary-school/UploadedDocument/0dedd78da36744b49bfe148b7b1843aa/year-5.pdf>

Year 6

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/pelham-primary-school/UploadedDocument/7eada7e208c14603af895f71b6c663da/year-6.pdf>

Outdoor Learning

Our first sessions of this will take place this week and the teachers have planned some interesting and adventurous activities. Totem and Tala are having outdoor explore learning on Thursday and Torak and Tundra are venturing out on Friday. On the day we ask that the children come in old clothes which cover both their arms and legs, wear layers including a waterproof layer, wear wellies and bring an entire spare set of clothes (including underwear) to change into just in case the weather becomes wet, muddy and horrible. The spare clothes need to come to school in a named plastic bag along with a spare pair of shoes that they can change into for the afternoon.

Happy Birthday

Finn from Tala
Miss Lee
Tiniera from Torak
Mrs Wheeler
Muska from Torak
Sasha from Tundra
Savannah from Tala
Arya from Tala

Reminder

Autumn is definitely here and the weather has become even more variable. Please can I remind everyone that the children need to bring a waterproof coat everyday now, as we do try to play outside for our breaks and lunches whenever possible (even if there is a little bit of rain). Children still need to bring a named water bottle each day and their book bag please.



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Thanks

Thank you for attending so many events over the past weeks including the Celebration Assemblies and Parents' Evening. Your support for school events is appreciated. Please do come and chat with us if you have any concerns.

I look forward to seeing you at the gate.

Kind regards

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