



Autumn 1 Term



A message about Reception

We would like to welcome all Reception children and parents to Belvedere Infants School and say how excited we are to begin the year. To get to know the children better, we will be starting our school year with the topic 'Marvellous Me'. Within this topic, the children will get to know each other by sharing their likes and dislikes, painting pictures of themselves and their family and learning how to make new friends.

Once the children are settled into the school environment, we will begin our Phonics, Reading, Writing and Mathematics teaching. We will be following the Little Wandle programme for phonics in which the children will be taught a collection of sounds (phonemes) at a rapid pace, therefore allowing them to blend (read) and segment (spell) a range of three letter words. In Mathematics, we will be following the White Rose scheme of work. This half term our maths focuses will include shape, sorting and comparing amounts.

Homework

Children will receive a half termly homework project. This half term we would like the children to bring in photos of their family to discuss with their peers. Once phonics teaching has begun, children will begin to bring home reading books. Please read with your child on a daily basis to consolidate their phonics learning in school.

Uniform

- Dark grey school trousers or skirt or grey pinafore dress or skirt.
- White polo shirt.
- Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan.
- Plain dark or white socks or tights.
- Plain black school shoes or trainers.
- **PE kit:** white t-shirt
- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Navy blue sweatshirt (worn over the top if necessary)
- Black plimsolls or plain black or white trainers

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE

PE will be taught on the following days:

- **Farah class- Tuesday and Thursday**
- **Donaldson class- Monday and Thursday**

Please send your child into school with a **labelled PE kit in a named bag**. The bag will stay on your child's peg and **the children will get changed independently at school** for their PE sessions. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each half term for washing and should be returned to school at the beginning of the following half term.

