

Monday 5th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

Welcome to the Spring Term!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and made lots of special memories with your loved ones and friends! We have an exciting half term planned with lots of new and interesting topics to explore.

Curriculum

Subject	Unit
Mathematics	Shape Money Multiplication and Division
English	Narrative: A Fictional book to link to our history topic. Non- Fiction Writing: Great Fire of London. Poetry
Science	Everyday Materials
History	Significant events from the past: Great Fire of London
Music	Playing in an Orchestra
Computing	Robot Algorithms E-Safety Lesson
Art	Sculpture
PSHE	Keeping safe
RE	Which books and stories are important?
PE	Indoor: Dance Outdoor: Tennis

Dates for your diary

There are a number of key dates in place for Year 2, please ensure to keep a record of these.

Thursday 15th January	Great Fire of London workshop in school
Wednesday 5th February	SATS meeting for parents.
Friday 6th February	2G Class Assembly 2:45pm
Friday 13th February	2H Class Assembly 2:45pm

School Expectations

At Blakehill, we are committed to creating an environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same. We will still be focusing on our 3 rules:

1. Be Ready
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Safe

Homework

Homework will typically be set on a Friday, to be returned completed by the following Friday. The homework provided is given to support and consolidate pupils' learning from that week or a previous week. It is used to check understanding of topics covered and helps us identify areas of learning that need further development. Homework will include:

- Half termly Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) in Mathematics
- A weekly spelling list
- Home reading at least three times a week

Spellings

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. These spellings will cover the Year 2 spelling curriculum. Children will be taught spellings rules in class and will practise their spellings daily at school through phonics and a variety of spelling games. It is important that pupils consolidate their learning at home to help further embed. We ask that you support your child with this.

Home Reading

In Year 2, children are typically given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we encourage them to start being independent in doing this. It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read at least three times a week at home – this should be recorded in their home reading record. We understand that parents/carers/guardians live busy lives but any time you can spare to listen to your child really would be extremely beneficial.

PE

Indoor PE: This takes place on a Monday morning for 2H. This takes place on a Wednesday morning for 2G.

It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue shorts (tracksuit bottoms are also permitted) and black pumps.

Outdoor PE: This takes place on a Friday afternoon. It is important that children have the correct kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue tracksuit bottoms; a plain black or blue sweatshirt and a pair of trainers.

Please make sure your child comes dressed appropriate for the weather.

Water Bottles

To enable your child to have a drink of water we would encourage a named water bottle be brought into school. Try to ensure your child's bottle is of the non-spill variety. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned.

Snacks

As a 'Healthy School' we encourage the children to make healthy choices at playtimes and lunchtimes such as fruit/ cereal bars. Due to children with allergies, please do not bring in nut-based snacks.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. If your child does not have suitable black school shoes, they will be given black pumps to wear throughout the day inside. Pupils are also required to wear a white polo shirt with charcoal (dark grey) trousers / shorts/ skirt /dress.

If you do have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2 team.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Gardner and Miss Hulston (Teaching Staff)
Mrs Brook and Mrs Sheerin (Teaching Assistants)

