

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

Welcome back to Blakehill Primary School and welcome to Year 3!

We hope that you have had a lovely, relaxing summer and enjoyed some of the sunshine (and wind and rain) that we had. We have had a lovely few days with your child this week and are looking forward to the rest of the year. We understand that a new school year can be quite daunting for pupils but we would like to reassure you that we are here to support both the children and you. We wanted to share with you some key information for this half term as well as some of the exciting activities that we have planned. As the first year in Key Stage 2, Year 3 is a busy and important year. We will be encouraging, supporting and showing them to become more independent in their learning, organising themselves and taking responsibility. Throughout the year we ask for your continued support in this. We know that relationships are the key to a successful school career and so are here to answer any questions or provide any help that we can.

Curriculum

Subject	Unit
Mathematics	Place value Addition and subtraction
English	Narrative: Stories with familiar settings: The Creakers Non-narrative: Non-chronological report: Coasts Narrative: Adventures: Clifftoppers: Fire Bay
Science	Rocks and soils
History	Local History: The Industrial Revolution in Bradford
Geography	Coastlines
Music	How does music bring us together?
Computing	Connecting computers
Art	Pencil drawing Textures Painting
DT	n/a
PSHE	Me and my relationships
MFL	Greetings Key classroom objects About me
RE	How do ancient stories influence modern celebrations?
PE	Indoor: Gymnastics Outdoor: Striking and fielding

Dates for your diary



These are the key dates in place for Year 3 that we currently have scheduled, please ensure to keep a record of these.

Friday 6 th September	Worry and Anxiety Workshop
Friday 20 th September	Jeans for Genes Day - Non- Uniform
Wednesday 16 th October	Athlete for a Day
Thursday 24 th October	Break the Rules Day
	Break Up for October Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Back to school
Friday 8 th November	Bradford Industrial Museum trip
Tuesday 12 th November	Open classroom
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need day
Tuesday 19 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th November	Parents' Evening
Monday 16 th December	Y3/4 cinema trip
Tuesday 17 th December	Y3/4 Christingle
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 th December	Break Up for Christmas
Monday 6 th January	Back to school
Friday 24 th January	3R Class Assembly
Friday 31 st January	3N Class Assembly
Friday 7 th February	Number Day
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February	Break Up February Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Back to School
Tuesday 11 th March	Open classroom
Tuesday 18 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day
Friday 4 th April	Break Up for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to School
Monday 19 th May	History Squad Ancient Egyptian Workshop in school
Friday 23 rd May	3R Class Assembly
	Break Up for May Half Term
Wednesday 4 th June	Back to school
Friday 13 th June	3N Class Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July	Break Up for summer

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and your child will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day.

Our school day begins at 8.45am each day. Your child can come straight into school through their Key Stage door which will be open from 8.40. This is so they can have time to organise their coats and have a softer start to the day. We will greet them at their classroom door. We ask that children are in school promptly in order to settle them with their peers for the day and maximise learning time.



Our school day ends at 3.15pm and we will exit via the Lower Key Stage 2 door in order to greet you on the playground. Please bear with us as we queue on the ramp to dismiss each child one at a time to their adult. If your child is being collected by a different adult, please let us know.

Homework

Homework will typically be set on a 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 and home reading (at least 3 times a week is proven to help your child to continue to progress well).

Spellings

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. These spellings will cover the Year 3 spelling curriculum. It is important that pupils are learning their spellings and we ask that you support your child with this.

Home Reading

In Year 3, 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. Every time your child reads and records this in their reading diary, they will receive a house point and this will be recorded on their home reading chart. 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 Wednesday morning. 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 Monday afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named 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.

Children should come to school in their kits on PE days.

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 wherever possible.

Snacks

As a 'Healthy School' we encourage the children to make healthy choices at playtimes and lunchtimes such as fruit, cheddar bars and so on. 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. Children can wear trainers at play times and lunch times but these must be changed back to school shoes ready for returning to lessons. Pupils are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt or polo shirt. Children in Key Stage 2 should have a cardigan or jumper.



If you do have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 3 team. If this is not a query that you feel we can answer at the end of the day, please contact the office and we will be in touch to arrange a time to discuss how we can help you.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs Nelson (Teaching Staff)

Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs Walker and Mrs Howell-Gott (Teaching Assistants)

